



TOWN OF BEDFORD

ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL REPORTS

2006



Town Office Building (built 1986)

Budgetary Town Meeting

Wednesday, March 7, 2007
7:00 p.m.
McKelvie School



Town and School District Elections

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
McKelvie School



TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

24 North Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Tuesday – 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Assessing, Planning and Zoning	472-8104
Auto/Dog/Voter Registration	472-3550
Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates	472-3550
Finance and Personnel.....	472-9869
Parks and Recreation.....	472-5242
Public Works: Highway and Sewer.....	472-3070
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	472-3550
Town Office – Administration	472-5242

Website: www.bedfordnh.org

SAFETY COMPLEX

55 Constitution Drive, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Building/Health Code Official/Inspector.....	472-3838
Fire Department – Business Line	472-3219
Police Department - Business Line	472-5113
FIRE AND POLICE EMERGENCY LINE.....	911

Website: www.bedfordpd.com

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday, 1:00 am – 5:00 pm (*September through June*)

Telephone..... 472-3032

Website: www.bedford.lib.nh.us

OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Town Pool, 20 County Road (summer only)..... 472-7331

Transfer Station/Dump, Chubbuck Road 472-4563 |

Hours: Tuesday – 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday through Saturday - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

(Closed Sunday and Monday)

BCTV – Channels 16 & 22, 10 Meetinghouse Road..... 472-8288



ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

ELECTED OFFICIALS

TOWN COUNCILORS

William Van Anglen, Chairman.....2008
Lori Radke, Vice Chairman.....2007
Kevin Keyes.....2008
Michael Scanlon.....2007
Andrew Egan.....2009
Paul Roy, Sr.....2009
Normand Longval.....2009

TOWN CLERK

Wanda Jenkins.....2008

MODERATOR

Eugene Van Loan, III.....2008

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dorothy Witzel.....2008
M. Elaine Tefft.....2010
Lynn Cornell.....2012

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Ryk Bullock.....2008
Scott Earnshaw.....2007
William Greiner.....2007

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Robert Brooks, Chairman.....2009
Anthony Frederick.....2008
Edward Moran.....2007

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager.....Keith Hickey
Town Manager (interim).....David Bailey
Executive Assistant.....Dawn Boufford
Assessor.....William Ingalls
Building Code Official.....Wayne Richardson
Environmental Coord.....Steve Crean
Finance Director.....Crystal Dionne
Fire Chief.....Scott Wiggin
Information Systems.....Brian Davis
Library Director.....Mary Ann Senatro
Police Chief.....David Bailey
Planning Director.....Karen White
Public Works Director.....Jim Stanford
Recreation Director.....Craig Sanderson
Town Treasurer.....Edith Schmidtchen

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor.....John Lynch
US Senators.....Judd Gregg
.....John Sununu
US Representatives.....Charles Bass
.....Jeb Bradley
Executive Councilor.....Raymond Wieczorek
State Senator.....Sheila Roberge

**REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
GENERAL COURT**

Mark Clark
John Graham
Ken Hawkins
Ed Moran, Jr.
Michael Scanlon
Maurice Villeneuve



APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING BOARD

Jon Levenstein, Chairman	2009
Debbie Sklar	2008
Harold Newberry	2008
Robert Young	2008
Paul Goldberg	2007
Paul Drahnak	2006
Kevin Keyes, Councilor	
Keith Hickey, Town Manager	

Alternates

Michael Scanlon, Councilor	
Michael Burns	2008
Christopher Riley	2009
Neal Casale	2009

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Christopher Bandazian, Chairman	2008
Sara Clark	2008
William Walsh	2007
James O'Neil	2009
Lori Radke, Councilor	

Alternates

Michael Izbicki	2007
Tim Villeneuve	2007
Derek Koziol	2009
Normand Longval, Councilor	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mervyn Taub, Chairman.	2008
Glenn Boston, Vice Chm.	2009
Kermit Zerr	2009
Karen Simmons	2009
Anthony Clark	2007
Robert Young, Planning Board	
Paul Roy, Sr., Councilor	

Alternates

David Brown	2008
Landy Labonte	2007
Neal Casale, Planning Board	
Andrew Egan, Councilor	

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Don Folsom, Chairman	2008
Doris Spurway	2007
Ralph Dieter	2009

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Greg Zimmermann, Chairman	2008
Beverly Thomas	2008
William Jean	2007

Normand Longval, Councilor
Deb Sklar, Planning Board

Alternates

Timmie Maine Miller	2008
Andrew Noyes	2009
Paul Roy, Sr., Councilor	

PARKS AND RECREATION

Don Foster, Chairman	2009
Sue Thomas	2008
Jim Morgan	2007
William Foote	2009
Mary Selvoski (emeritus)	2007
Michael Scanlon, Councilor	

Alternates

Michelle Casale	2008
Myles Walker	2007
Lori Radke, Councilor	

BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION

Eugene Mackie, Chairman	2008
Mary Lou Wilson	2008
Robert Thomas	2007
Anne Scanlon	2007
Chuck Grau	2007
Ellen McAvoy	2007
Lauren Horton	2009
William VanAnglen (Councilor)	
Michael Scanlon (Council alternate)	
Terry Wolf (School Board)	

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police Chief David Bailey, Chairman	
Fire Chief Scott Wiggin	
Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works	
Andrew Egan, Councilor	
Gerry Gagne, Resident	2009
Ken Peterson, Resident	2009
Anthony Grande, Resident	2007
Paul Roy, Sr. (Council alternate)	

WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce Thomas, Chairman	2007
Paul Goldberg	2008
Paul Arnold	2008
Richard Moore	2009
Kevin Keyes, Councilor	
Andrew Egan, Councilor alternate	
Steve Crean, Environmental Coordinator	
Karen White, Planning Director	



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DEDICATION



DORIS PECK SPURWAY

This year's Town Report is dedicated to one of Bedford's most distinguished residents, Doris Peck Spurway. Doris has served this community in a variety of capacities for more than 50 years.

She began her service to the Town of Bedford in 1953 as a Red Phone Operator for the Bedford Fire Department. For twenty-five years, she served as the School District Clerk (1955 – 1980) and as an Assistant Librarian for the Bedford Public Library (1956 – 1981). She was an elected Supervisor of the Checklist for twelve years and also served as a Ballot Clerk. She has been a Cemetery Trustee for nineteen years and serves as the Secretary to this Board.

Doris founded the Bedford Historical Society in 1967 and currently serves as their Director. She is also the editor and a contributor to the "History of Bedford" (1971 edition). Doris is a member and past president of the Bedford Garden Club and an active member of the Bedford Presbyterian Church. In 2000, she received the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Bedford Library Foundation for her many years of dedicated service.

Doris' continuous dedication of time and energy to her community serves as an inspiration to us all.



**Budgetary Town Meeting – McKelvie School
Wednesday, March 8, 2006**

The Bedford Budgetary Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at McKelvie School. Moderator Eugene M. Van Loan III opened the meeting at 7:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced those seated on the stage: Councilors Kevin Keyes, William Van Anglen, Lori Radke, Andy Egan, Michael Scanlon, William Greiner, David Danielson; Town Manager Keith Hickey; Finance Director Crystal Dionne; Town Clerk Wanda Jenkins. There were approximately 80 people present.

Moderator Van Loan turned the microphone over to Town Council Chairman Kevin Keyes for a presentation.

Kevin Keyes said during the course of the last 20 years, the Town of Bedford has experienced a tremendous period of change and evolution. We've doubled our population; we've built new roads, schools, and even entire new neighborhoods. We've transitioned from a sleepy suburban bedroom village to a vibrant exciting community, which is considered today to be one of the most desirable places to live in New Hampshire if not all of New England. Throughout this period of dynamic change and evolution, one aspect of our community has remained consistent. That is, the Town has always been able to rely on one of its most dedicated citizens to always be there to serve in any capacity necessary in order to help improve the quality of life for the residents of our Town. That citizen, as you may have guessed by now, is Dave Danielson. Now that Dave has decided to move on from his seat on the Town Council, it is appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we all are to have had Dave as a teacher, a mentor, a community leader, and a good friend. During Dave's 20 years of volunteering his time to the Town, including eight years on the Planning Board, and 12 years on the Town Council, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to do what he feels is the right thing. Dave was never concerned about making the popular decisions or bowing to pressure from local special interests. Whether you agreed with his positions or not, you always knew where he stood, and could appreciate the principals and ethics that led him to his

decisions. While Dave is stepping down from his roll as a Town Councilor, he's assured us that he intends to stay involved in the important issues that are facing our Town. Going forward, he will be focusing more on regional projects such as transportation, energy, and the environment. His experience in these matters will benefit not only the Town of Bedford, but the entire southern New Hampshire region. Please join me now in a well-deserved round of applause for one of Bedford's finest gentlemen. Dave, thanks for all your efforts on our behalf. Good luck in the future and keep in touch.

The audience applauded and Dave Danielson was presented with a wooden rocking chair embossed with the Town Seal.

Dave Danielson said I just want to say thank you very much. It's been a privilege and an honor to have served the Town. The folks that I've served with and the folks that taught me how to do this, I owe a great deal of gratitude to. I also owe a great deal of gratitude to the employees of the Town who were able to do the things that we asked them to do, sometimes with not much money. We thank you very much for that. Finally, I'd like to thank my family who let me do this, my wife and my son. I also want to thank the Town Manager, Keith Hickey, who was beside me a lot of times when it wasn't good, so thank you very much.

Moderator Van Loan said the only order of business tonight is Article 4 on the warrant, which is the budget article. Moderator Van Loan reviewed the rules of procedure for the meeting.

MOTION was made by Councilor Danielson to adopt Article 4; seconded by Councilor Van Anglen.

Article 4.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.



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General Fund	\$18,192,710
Police Special Detail	476,520
Recreation Day Camp	152,123
Bedford Comm. TV	213,000
Special Revenue Funds	60,250
Sewer Fund	<u>2,549,999</u>
Total Appropriation	<u>\$21,644,602</u>

Council Chairman Kevin Keyes read a summary of the 2006 Town Council proposed budget as follows:

2006 Town Council - Proposed Budget Summary

There is a tax increase in the Town portion of property taxes of \$0.14 to support the 2006 budget. The Town portion of the tax rate will be \$2.85 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Highlighted below are the projects and/or equipment included within departmental budgets that will continue to allow for the quality service that the residents of Bedford have come to expect. Additional costs in the budget are funded through cost savings elsewhere and new revenues.

- The **Town Council** budget includes \$700,000 for the acquisition of land, if a parcel becomes available during the year. This amount is totally offset by revenue. Also included is \$286,810 for the principal and interest payments as well as an additional principal reduction \$25,565 for the Joppa Hill parcel.
- The **Election and Registration** budget increase is due to an increase in elections in 2006.
- The **Finance and Personnel** budget includes increased funding for the annual audit to comply with new national auditing standards. Also included is \$10,000 to be deposited into the Financial Software Capital Reserve account.
- The **Information Technology** budget includes the replacement of 16 PC's as recommended by the Information Technology Master Plan accepted by the Town Council.
- The **Assessing** budget includes a \$10,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the 2008 valuation update.
- The **Planning Department** budget includes \$5,000 to increase a part time position from 20 to 25 hours per week and \$30,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the town wide master plan.
- The **Town Hall** budget includes \$35,000 to replace the windows, \$10,000 of which is offset by revenue.

- The **Safety Complex** budget includes increased utility expenses now that there is a tenant renting space. This amount is offset by revenue.
- The **Fund Balance Reserve** budget was established in 2005 to address the long-term financial stability of the town and funding continues in 2006 with an appropriation of \$353,749. Please see pages 10 and 11 for a detailed explanation.
- The **Police Administration** budget includes \$17,500 for the police master plan and \$30,000 for any grants received. The grants are offset completely by revenue.
- The **Police Detective** budget includes \$25,000 for an expected retirement of a detective.
- The **Fire Operations** budget includes two firefighters to be hired in April 2006 and a fire inspector and two additional firefighters to be hired in July as recommended by the fire master plan study.
- The **Public Works Road Resurfacing /Reconstruction** budget includes \$976,000 for the principal and interest payment of the existing road bond and \$1,024,000 for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and resurfacing of town roads. Public Works will also spend approximately \$3 million of the 2005 Road Bond during 2006.
- The **Public Works Highway** budget includes \$350,000 for the purchase of three dump trucks, \$101,760 of which is offset by revenue. There is an additional \$220,000 budgeted to be deposited into various Capital Reserve accounts.
- The **Winter Maintenance** budget increase addresses the increased cost in both winter sand and salt.
- The **Transfer Station** budget includes \$100,000 Capital Reserve deposit for future renovations and \$162,720 for the landfill bond payment.
- The **Recreation Pool** budget includes \$7,500 for increased pool hours.
- The **Recreation Field** budget includes \$95,000 to rehabilitate the County Road tennis courts, \$23,000 for a pickup truck and \$12,000 for a mower. There is a revenue offset of \$12,875 for the equipment.
- The **Library** budget includes funding to keep the Library open on Sundays. Also included is a Capital Reserve deposit for building repairs in the amount of \$34,700, increases to property repairs, books and periodicals and \$172,938 for the Library bond payments.
- The **Conservation Commission** budget includes \$436,571 towards the purchase of conservation land if any becomes available. This amount is offset by revenue.



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Moderator Van Loan read the 2006 Proposed Appropriations from handout.

Dan Murphy, 7 Gage Road, said I have a question about the Compensation Adjustment. I noticed the footnote, which describes where that money is going. How much of the \$167,000, in 2005, actually went towards merit increases and compensation adjustments, 100% or aggregate dollars? Councilor Van Anglen said this year's appropriation is \$154,099. Mr. Murphy stated I'm talking about last year's. How much of that \$167,000 was actually used for compensation adjustments. Mr. Van Anglen said it was all used. Mr. Murphy asked what was the thought process going from the amount that the Town Manager requested and the amount that the Town Council decided was appropriate? Mr. Van Anglen said the difference in those two numbers was last year there was an amount that was needed to offset the Police. We had to hold on to a certain amount because we were in the middle of negotiating contracts with the Police, so that's what that delta is. This year, it wasn't that we were taking anything away, it's because last year we needed to appropriate more because we were expecting that there was going to be some kind of change in the negotiated contracts. Mr. Murphy asked so you appropriated more last year than we need to appropriate this year? Mr. Van Anglen said because we were in the middle of a contract negotiation. Mr. Murphy asked was all of that \$167,000 consumed by the Police, not all of it consumed by the Police contract, but you said 100% was used for compensation adjustment? Mr. Van Anglen stated \$167,500 was used for compensation. Mr. Murphy said so the Police contract consumed whatever you needed to have for extra money. Mr. Van Anglen said the delta between those two, yes. You have to understand there are raises on top of raises, so some of that won't count. Mr. Murphy said I understand it didn't all go to the Police, but what you needed, that you appropriated in 2005, you used and you don't need all of that in 2006, correct? Mr. Van Anglen said correct.

Susan Tufts Moore, 27 Bedford Center Road, asked if she could comment on a previous item,

the Town Hall. Mr. Moore said I noticed in the detailed information that it says that the Town Hall budget includes \$35,000 to replace the windows, \$10,000 which is offset by revenue. I do trust that the Town is investigating alternatives to replacing those windows because I feel that they have a lot of character, they add a lot of character to the Town Hall. There are some good, viable alternatives out there, including some inner storm windows that we've had some real success with in our house that are extremely efficient energy wise and also extremely good for sound proofing. They were actually used in Boston at the Big Dig to make the places around the Big Dig not so noisy. I hope that that will be thoroughly investigated, because I think a lot of those windows have very nice, old glass and it would be a shame to replace them. Mr. Van Anglen said if you have information on those types of windows, if you could forward it to the Town Manager, I'm sure we would love to take a look at it.

Dan Murphy, 7 Gage Road, said I guess I would have the same question with this (Unallocated Reserve), the change from what the Town Manager requested to the change that the Town Council has approved, the \$125,000, and what it's earmark for? Councilor Danielson stated the \$125,000 is actually monies that we've allocated based on the potential need that we would have as a result of the negotiations we're having right now with one of the union contracts. That's what that's for. Mr. Murphy said so \$125,000 from what the Town Manager requested to what the Town Council is to cover a union contract? Mr. Danielson said yes, that's correct, the potential of using that \$125,000.

Rick Larson, Sebbins Pond Drive, said a year ago you promoted a road bond and part of that was a proposal to reconstruct Back River Road in 2006. Of this \$5 million dollars we're spending on road reconstruction, how much of that is going to be spent on Back River Road? Councilor Scanlon said in 2006 I do not believe any will be. Mr. Larson said when you promoted the road bond; you did state that your proposal was to reconstruct the road in 2006. Mr. Scanlon said I



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believe at the time we stated that the current plan called for the Back River Road. When the school construction was approved by the voters, we advanced the reconstruction of Nashua and County Road to coincide with the additional water and sewer lines that would have to be run down those roads and dug up. Last year, we said that that was the list and that was the general feeling of the way it would go, but that list would be subject to change if factors dictated that change. I believe Back River Road is scheduled for either 2007/2008. It didn't fall off the plan; it just got pushed back. Mr. Larson said so we're doing offsite improvements for a project that's going to open several years from now when we were told we'd have offsite improvements for the Target and Lowe's which opened last year? Mr. Scanlon said the improvements to the road, the water and sewer lines have to be run in 2006 so they would be ready for the 2007 opening of the school. It doesn't make sense not to incorporate the reconstruction of those roads into the contract to put in those water and sewer lines, because there is a cost savings associated with having all the work done by one contractor. Because those lines had to be put in this summer to ensure that they are in place and functioning by the opening of the school, that necessitated the need to juggle that list. We've always been very clear in the past that when we put out those lists, that those are preliminary lists and that those roads are subject to change based on factors that come up in time. Our intention certainly is to get to every single road in this community and get it repaired and up to a certain standard. Unfortunately, that takes time, and there are bumps in the road as you move forward with those programs. I believe we're getting there slowly but surely, and I believe you're going to see some improvements to Back River Road in the near future. Mr. Larson said so we don't have it scheduled as of yet, a year after the proposal to redo it in 2006. It's not even scheduled to be done. Mr. Scanlon said I haven't seen the updated list. The Council hasn't been brought the updated list, but my understanding is that Back River Road was moved back to 2007. Mr. Larson asked when would we get a confirmation as to when it is going to be done? Mr. Scanlon said I'll guarantee you that it's going

to be done when the bids go out and the Town Council accepts the bids and allocates the funds for the construction of those roads. Until that physically happens, I don't think any of us or the Council will guarantee that any road will be reconstructed. Mr. Larson asked when do you anticipate those bids to go out? Mr. Scanlon said those bids would go out probably some time in December/January of this year or next year, then to be approved sometime in February or March. Mr. Larson said so it's likely it's not going to get reconstructed in 2007. Mr. Scanlon said we would put out the bids for the construction season of 2007. Anything we put out for bid in December of this year would be for the construction season in 2007. I fully anticipate to get to Back River Road next year, but I can't, and I don't believe anybody will promise you that will happen, because we just don't know what the next 12 months will bring. Mr. Larson asked what are the offsite improvements to Nashua Road, is it reconstructing the whole road? Mr. Scanlon said it's reconstructing Nashua Road as part of our program. Originally, I believe Nashua Road from 101 all the way to Wallace. Originally that was scheduled for 2008, but because of the fact that we had to be in that area digging up those roads, we advanced that project into the 2006 construction season, and moved back 2006 and 2007 each one year in order to get that project done. Mr. Larson said I just ask that the Council put more of a priority on Back River Road, because of all the development going along on Route 3 and South River Road, and the condition of the road, it certainly warrants it. I hope that you would make it a higher priority than it currently is.

Al Martore, 40 Pebble Beach Drive, said continuing on with what the gentleman just said, the funds that were allocated for Back River Road, did you put it in the bank or will you be coming to the taxpayers again for more money, to approve more money to be spent? Mr. Scanlon said when the Target and Lowe's development went in, they paid a certain amount of offsite improvements around \$550,000, specifically for offsite improvements. The Town Council has worked with and entered into an agreement with the State of New Hampshire that we will fund a set of



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traffic lights that will be put on the off ramp from Route 101 eastbound to the off ramp that goes to Meetinghouse Road, just above South River Road. That intersection justifies having a traffic signal. Unfortunately when the State did the entire Kilton Road reconstruction, they didn't factor in the costs associated with upgrading that intersection to a lighted intersection. The State came to the Town and said that this intersection does require a light. Would the Town be willing to upfront and fund the full construction of that intersection, which we can get done at a cheaper cost by incorporating it into our other contract, and accept reimbursement in 2009 and 2010. That's what the Council has done. We have agreed with the State that we will fund, upfront the money, for that intersection. The intersection will be reconstructed as part of the Kilton Road intersection and then we will accept our two-thirds of the money back in the 2009/2010. What I'm anticipating the improvements to Back River Road would come out of the current \$12 million dollar road bond that we're working under now and then in 2009 and 2010 when we receive those monies back from the State, that we would just roll those monies into whatever road program is currently in place at that time. I don't anticipate us asking for any more money. The money is already there for these improvements.

Phil Bruno, Beech Street, said I have a question about the Conservation Commission expended figure \$23,576; the difference between the budget and that, and then why this year's money is 2000% higher? Mr. Van Anglen said the \$439,558 is the money that has been appropriated and put into a fund to purchase land. It comes from current use taxes, so when you take property out of current use, that money is paid to the Conservation Commission. If we don't use it, it stays in that fund and is carried forward, so we have to appropriate it if we decided that we want to go maybe spend it this year. If we don't appropriate it, we can't use it. It's actually offset by monies. So you're asking about the \$23,000 difference? Mr. Bruno said I'm asking if only \$23,000 was expended in 2005. Mr. Van Anglen said yes.

Moderator Van Loan called for a vote on Article 4, which is to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,644,602. Vote taken – Motion was carried.

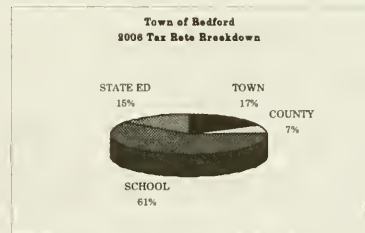
MOTION to adjourn was made by Mr. Van Anglen; seconded. Vote taken – Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

**2006 TOWN POPULATION AND
TAX RATE INFORMATION**

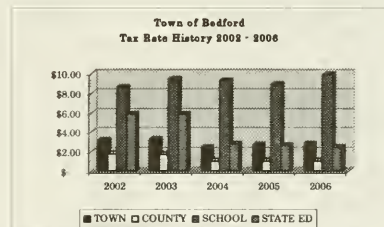
POPULATION – 21,489 (trended based on 2000 census)
2006 ASSESSED VALUATION: \$3,085,197,931

TOWN	\$2.85
COUNTY	\$1.08
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	\$9.92
STATE EDUCATION TAX	<u>\$2.49</u>
COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE	<u>\$16.34</u>



Percent Increase/(Decrease) Over 2005 Tax Rate

TOWN	5.2%
COUNTY	(1.8%)
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	11.0%
STATE EDUCATION TAX	(7.4%)
COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE	5.8%





RESULTS

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2006

ARTICLE 1: To Elect Necessary Town Officers

FOR TOWN COUNCIL

For THREE Years

CHRISTOPHER BANDAZIAN	1714
ANDREW "ANDY" EGAN	3061
"BILL" GREINER	1996
NORMAND LONGVAL	2468
PAUL F ROY, SR.	2064

FOR MODERATOR

For TWO Years

EUGENE M VAN LOAN III	3828
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FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For THREE Years

ROBERT BROOKS	3632
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FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

For SIX Years

LYNN M CORNELL	3637
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FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

For THREE Years

JAMES P MORGAN	2018
"MOE" VILLENEUVE	1817

ARTICLE 2: PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

Amendment No. 1 –	Passed
Amendment No. 2 –	Passed
Amendment No. 3 –	Failed

Amendment No. 4 –	Failed
Amendment No. 5 –	Passed
Amendment No. 6 –	Passed
Amendment No. 7 –	Passed
Amendment No. 8 –	Passed
Amendment No. 9 –	Passed
Amendment No. 10 –	Passed
Amendment No. 11 –	Passed
Amendment No. 12 –	Failed
Amendment No. 13 –	Failed

For Full Text of all Zoning Amendments see the 2006 Warrant printed in the Town's 2005 Annual Report beginning on page 18.

ARTICLE 3 – Issuance of Long Term Debt for Construction of a Connector Road

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000) for the purpose of constructing a connector road between Wallace and Nashua Roads, including, to the extent necessary, the acquisition of land and easements and related costs and expenses; six million four hundred thousand dollars (\$6,400,000) of which to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of which to come from interest earnings on the investment of these bond proceeds and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto. Issuance of bonds and notes by the Town Council is contingent upon the School District and the Town Council negotiating a fair share contribution for the costs associated with this project based on a rational nexus study. This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote.

YES —→ 1711

NO —→ 2702



TOWN COUNCIL



William Van Anglen, *Chairman*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Town Councilor Andy Egan for his dedication and hard work over the years. Andy's honesty, integrity, and insight have enriched the Council and the community of Bedford. Andy has personally and selflessly sacrificed an incredible amount to serve the community and he will be sorely missed on the Council. I know I speak for the entire Town Council when I say that we offer Andy the most heart felt Thank You and wish him all the best in the years to come.

On a personal note I will miss Andy's guidance, sense of humor, and common sense approach to the issues we have faced over the years. I have always found his thoughts to be in the best interest of the community

The year 2006 was a year of change in the Town of Bedford. We saw Paul Roy and Norm Longval elected as the newest members to the Town Council. We also saw Bill Greiner and David Danielson leave the Town Council. Bill and Dave accomplished a lot over the years and when they left they took with them a body of knowledge that will be hard to replace. They were two Councilors who served the Town of Bedford with passion and commitment in every aspect of their actions.

After ten years of service, 2006 also saw our Town Manager, Keith Hickey, decide to join the Town of Merrimack. It is said that one of the ways to judge the effectiveness of a manager is by the staff and organization they build. Keith left behind an incredible group of hard working, dedicated, and conscientious Department heads and town employees. This is a testament to his dedication

and success in Bedford. This year also saw the hiring of Russ Marcoux as our new Town Manager. Russ joins Bedford with a long history of public service. Most recently he was the Town Administrator for the Town of Derry. Please welcome Russ as he begins to address the challenges of his new position.

I would feel remiss if I did not thank our acting Town Manager David Bailey for stepping in during a busy time of year to bridge the transition between Keith's leaving and Russ starting as the new Town Manager. Dave served in dual roles as the Police Chief as well as the acting Town Manager for 3 months and did a great job. Our thanks go out to Dave.

During this year we also saw changes in the leadership of our Board of Adjustment and Planning Board with both Sandra LaMontagne and Paul Drahnak retiring after multiple years of service to the community. Sandra and Paul, through their leadership and dedication, helped to create two of the most respected land use boards in the state of New Hampshire. Their guidance and leadership will be missed.

Even with this change in personnel still much was accomplished. We saw the continuation of a multi year road reconstruction strategy that began in 2002 and was reaffirmed by the voter's overwhelming support of the 2005 road bond for \$12million. In 2006, 4.25 miles of collector roads and 9.85 miles of local roads were completed. This work included: 2.4 miles of reconstruction / rehabilitation (new road base with drainage improvements); 8.2 miles of reclaim/overlay (this work is typically done on local roads); 3.5 miles of wearing course (final asphalt treatment for previous year's work). This resulted in a total of 14.1 miles of Bedford's roads being improved.

The major 2006 project was the reconstruction of County Road. This project was not in the original 3 year program of anticipated work with the 2005 road bond, however the program needed to be adjusted to coordinate utility extensions necessary for the new middle/high schools. The remainder of the roads program included rehabilitation of Palomino Lane and completion of the wearing course on Bedford Center Road.



Our ability to commit to multi-year projects, thanks to the two road bonds given to us by the voters, has allowed the Town to get much more competitive bids on pricing, thereby accomplishing far more work with fewer tax dollars.

During 2006 we saw the creation of a Senior Advisory Committee with the charter to continue to expand and bring focus on the needs of our senior community. Anyone interested in getting involved with this committee or has programming ideas we would encourage you to contact the Parks and Recreation department in the Town Offices for more details.

Another major project undertaken during 2006 was the review and analysis of the Town's Police Department by outside consultants. We engaged the services of Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI), to provide us with an unbiased review of the Police Department operations and a set of recommendations for future improvements. Not surprisingly, the MRI study came back indicating that we have an exceptionally dedicated and professional Police Department, staffed by high quality leadership and staff. A number of recommendations were made, primarily in the areas of documentation of procedures, facilities, and staffing levels. Several of the MRI recommendations are included in the Council's 2007 budget, and others are included in long range planning objectives established by the Police Department and the Town Council

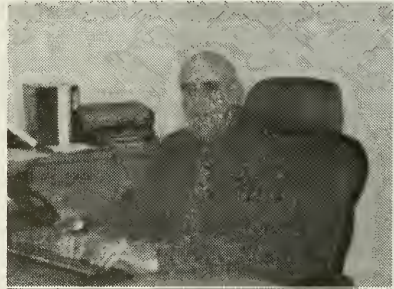
As I reflect back on the year 2006 this was an interesting year. This was a year of change, yet many programs, philosophies, and strategies remained the same and continue. This is an indication of a Town Government that is focused on the long term needs of its citizens as well as the short term constraints. In many cases it is too easy to do what is immediate and not think long term. Some of the situations we are in today are due to past short term trade offs. It is easy to succumb to the temptation to balance current concerns on the back of the future.

I would like to thank the employees of the Town of Bedford, Department Heads, and our acting Town Manager David Bailey for ensuring the continued efficient operation of the Town. If it were not for all of the Town employee's dedication and hard work the Town of Bedford would not be the place

it is today. So I would ask that the next time you get a chance to interact with one of the Town employees, please remember that if it were not for them all of our lives would be a lot more complex.

I have enjoyed this year as the Chairman of the Town Council. I would like to thank my fellow councilors for their support and patience as we worked through a year of change. Change is never easy and 2006 certainly was a year that brought its challenges. I, as well as the Town Council, have appreciated the opportunity to serve you and hope you will continue to put your trust in us to represent future needs of our exceptional community.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



David C. Bailey, Interim Town Manager

During 2006, we said goodbye to our Town Manager, Keith Hickey, as he announced his acceptance of the Town Manager position in neighboring Merrimack. The Council and all department heads wished he would stay, but his mind was made up. Keith served the residents of Bedford more than ten years, first as the finance director and then as our Town Manager. All of Keith's decisions were not popular, but he made them in a timely manner and stuck to them, no matter what the political outcome might have been. His decisions were always made with the Town's best interests at the forefront. I wish to thank Keith for all that he has done for me and the residents of this community during his tenure. Each department head has echoed this sentiment and we all wish Keith the best for his continued success. The department heads and I look forward to working with the new Town Manager, Russ



Marcoux. Russ comes to us with extensive municipal experience and an excellent reputation.

Again the residential growth seems to be slowing, but commercial growth is steady. The costs to run government, like everything else, are increasing. The Town Council, the Manager, department heads and employees alike work very hard to keep budgets and the resulting taxes reasonable. Employees account for the largest percentage of our budget as is typical across all municipalities. If a comparison is made to the number of employees in Bedford and the related costs for such employees to that of comparable municipalities, it will be quite apparent that Bedford does more with less. Most other towns have more clerical staff, planning staff, police officers, firefighters, etc. We continue to provide the taxpayers with the services they require and have come to expect with the least amount of employees as possible. When a department head requests additional personnel they really need the help in order to continue providing the high quality of service expected in this community.

The most noticeable illustrations of your tax dollars at work are the road bond projects. This year you saw Palomino, County and sections of Nashua Rd. rebuilt, several other roads repaved and the construction of water and sewer lines to the new high school. In 2007, road projects will continue with the rebuilding of remaining sections of Nashua and Back River Rd. There are many other road projects online for future years and it is unfortunate that they all can't be done at once, however the process to complete such projects are labor intensive to say the least. I have learned in this temporary job the volume of work required to build a road. Aside from the actual design and bid specifications, there are easements, environmental concerns and other legal considerations to be balanced in selecting what is most appropriate for the Town and the individual abutters. As noted above, this is done with less staff then other places use and I applaud the public works department for all that they do.

I commend **ALL** the other department heads and their staff for working together as a team in running this Town. This temporary assignment has been an eye opener for me and I would like to thank the Council, the department heads and their employees for all the support they have given me during this tenure.

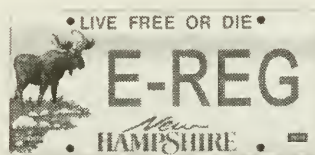
FINANCE, PERSONNEL AND TAX COLLECTION DEPARTMENTS

Crystal A. Dionne, CPA - Director

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

During 2006, the Town portion of the tax rate increased \$0.14, or 5.2% from \$2.71 to \$2.85 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The increase in the tax rate is due to the addition of 5 new positions within the fire department as well as general inflationary increases in operating costs. It is important to note that the property tax rate consists of four individual tax rates: town, county, school and state education. For any given year, the Department of Revenue Administration finalizes this rate in September. Therefore, the first half tax bill represents an estimate of your tax liability. Once the rate is set, the second half tax bill is adjusted to reflect this change in rate. It is also important to note that property taxes are due each July 1st and December 1st. Payments received subsequent to these dates are subject to a statutory interest charge of 12% until such time as a lien is placed. Once the property has been lienied the interest rate increases to 18% APR.

The Tax Collector's office is also responsible for all motor vehicle registrations. We are continuing with our online renewal process as a convenience to our residents. Motor vehicle registrations can be renewed online by visiting the town's website clicking the E-Reg license plate, as shown here. Not only can residents complete straight renewals online, but they can also receive instant quotes for motor vehicle state and town fees. Simply, fill in the fields with the requested vehicle information and E-Reg will calculate an estimate of the fees within seconds.



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OR RECEIVE INSTANT QUOTES!**



FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

The Finance Department prepared its second Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) during 2006 for the 2005 calendar year. This report combines the Town's audited financial statements with a complete management analysis of the Town's financial health as well as various statistical tables, which provide valuable information for the last ten years. This CAFR has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

The staff in both the Finance and Tax Collection offices, deserve our most heartfelt thanks for all they do. Each staff member has shown a commitment and dedication to the Town that should make the residents of this community proud.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer: Edith Schmidtchen
Assistant Treasurer: Daniel Murphy

General Operating Fund

Balance January 1, 2006	\$12,869,675
Receipts:	
Tax Collector	54,638,073
Town Offices	3,462,252
Interest Earned	384,839
Total Receipts:	58,485,164
Total Available:	\$71,354,839
Disbursements:	
Town Charges	16,555,332
County	3,340,020
School District	38,195,114
Total Disbursements:	\$58,090,466
Balance December 31, 2005	\$13,264,373

Escrow Accounts Various Depositors

Balance January 1, 2006	\$3,663,810
Receipts	758,634
Disbursements	(1,450,764)
Interest Earned	31,282
Balance December 31, 2006	\$3,002,962

Tax Collector's Report

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Uncollected Taxes, January 1, 2006:		
Property Taxes	-	1,327,728
Current Use	-	60,000
Yield Taxes	-	-
Sewer Rents	-	219,046
Taxes Committed, Fiscal Year 2006:		
Property Taxes	50,152,232	-
Current Use	105,557	-
Yield Taxes	10,164	-
Sewer Rents	686,350	-
Overpayments:	39,782	-
Interest on		
Delinquent Taxes:	132,435	-
Totals:	\$51,125,520	\$1,606,774

Collections During Fiscal Year 2006:

Property Taxes	48,732,442	896,372
Current Use	105,557	60,000
Yield Taxes	5,638	-
Sewer Rents	467,761	219,046
Interest	132,435	-
Liens Executed	-	318,284
Overpayments	39,782	-
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	1,940	113,072
Sewer	-	-
Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 2006:		
Property Taxes	1,457,632	-
Current Use	-	-
Yield Taxes	4,526	-
Sewer Rents	218,589	-
Totals:	\$51,125,520	\$1,606,774

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

	2005	2004	2003	Prior
Unredeemed Liens				
January 1, 2006		100,211	16,093	0
Liens Executed				
In 2006	318,284			
Collections During				
Fiscal Year 2006	196,252	70,425	15,924	0
Unredeemed Liens				
December 31, 2006	122,032	16,093	169	0



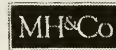
STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT 12/31/06

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1992 Sewer Bonds (1998 refinance)			
2007	140,000	43,938	183,938
2008	150,000	37,812	187,812
2009	155,000	31,212	186,212
2010	165,000	24,238	189,238
2011	170,000	16,606	186,606
2012	175,000	8,531	183,531
Total	\$ 955,000	\$ 162,337	\$ 1,117,337
1994 Public Safety Complex Bonds (2004 refinance)			
2007	115,000	22,181	137,181
2008	110,000	19,881	129,881
2009	105,000	17,406	122,406
2010	105,000	14,781	119,781
2011	100,000	11,894	111,894
2012	100,000	8,894	108,894
2013	95,000	5,894	100,894
2014	90,000	2,925	92,925
Total	\$ 820,000	\$ 103,866	\$ 923,866
1996 Library Bond (2004 refinance)			
2007	130,000	35,288	165,288
2008	125,000	32,581	157,581
2009	125,000	28,988	153,988
2010	120,000	25,150	145,150
2011	120,000	21,700	141,700
2012	115,000	18,031	133,031
2013	115,000	14,150	129,150
2014	115,000	10,125	125,125
2015	110,000	6,119	116,119
2016	110,000	2,063	112,063
Total	\$ 1,185,000	\$ 194,195	\$ 1,379,195
2001 Joppa Hill Land Purchase			
2007	230,000	47,610	277,610
2008	230,000	38,410	268,410
2009	230,000	29,210	259,210
2010	230,000	19,780	249,780
2011	230,000	10,005	240,005
Total	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 145,015	\$ 1,295,015

	Principal	Interest	Total
1999 Landfill Closure Bond			
2007	100,000	58,240	158,240
2008	100,000	53,760	153,760
2009	100,000	49,280	149,280
2010	100,000	44,800	144,800
2011	100,000	40,320	140,320
2012	100,000	35,840	135,840
2013	100,000	31,360	131,360
2014	100,000	26,880	126,880
2015	100,000	22,400	122,400
2016	100,000	17,920	117,920
2017	100,000	13,440	113,440
2018	100,000	8,960	108,960
2019	100,000	4,480	104,480
Total	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 407,680	\$ 1,707,680
2003 Road Reconstruction Bond			
2007	800,000	155,200	955,200
2008	800,000	134,400	934,400
2009	800,000	113,000	913,000
2010	800,000	90,000	890,000
2011	800,000	65,000	865,000
2012	800,000	39,000	839,000
2013	800,000	13,000	813,000
Total	5,600,000	609,600	6,209,600
2006 Road Reconstruction Bond (issued 2006)			
2007	1,200,000	510,250	1,710,250
2008	1,200,000	426,000	1,626,000
2009	1,200,000	381,000	1,581,000
2010	1,200,000	336,000	1,536,000
2011	1,200,000	288,000	1,488,000
2012	1,200,000	240,000	1,440,000
2013	1,200,000	192,000	1,392,000
2014	1,200,000	144,000	1,344,000
2015	1,200,000	96,000	1,296,000
2016	1,200,000	48,000	1,248,000
Total	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 2,661,250	\$ 14,661,250

Grand Total Bonded Debt:

\$ 23,010,000	\$ 4,283,933	\$ 27,293,933
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Town Council
Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Bedford's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford, as of December 31, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management's discussion and analysis, appearing on the following pages, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supple-



mentary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The introductory section, supplementary statements and schedules, and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

McLanahan Smith & Company, P.C.

Nashua, New Hampshire
April 18, 2006



TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2005

	General	Road Reconstruction Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 20,707,259	\$ 1,149,748	\$ 3,643,616	\$ 25,500,623
Investments	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000
Receivables:				
Property taxes, net	1,435,095	-	-	1,435,095
Departmental and other	307,764	-	2,374	310,138
Intergovernmental	20,000	38,276	-	58,276
Due from other funds	33,531	-	-	33,531
Prepaid items	231,488	-	-	231,488
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 24,735,137	\$ 1,188,024	\$ 3,645,990	\$ 29,569,151
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 544,173	\$ 4,709	\$ -	\$ 548,882
Accrued liabilities	222,367	-	-	222,367
Retainage payable	-	46,372	-	46,372
Deferred revenues	109,021	-	-	109,021
Tax refunds liability	73,223	-	-	73,223
Due to other funds	-	-	190,756	190,756
Due to other governments	17,569,855	-	-	17,569,855
TOTAL LIABILITIES	18,518,639	51,081	190,756	18,760,476
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances	649,912	-	-	649,912
Prepaid items	231,488	-	-	231,488
Other purposes	1,121,257	-	-	1,121,257
Perpetual permanent funds	-	-	25,255	25,255
Unreserved:				
Undesignated, reported in:				
General fund	4,213,841	-	-	4,213,841
Special revenue funds	-	-	3,429,734	3,429,734
Capital project funds	-	1,136,943	-	1,136,943
Permanent funds	-	-	245	245
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	6,216,498	1,136,943	3,455,234	10,808,675
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 24,735,137	\$ 1,188,024	\$ 3,645,990	\$ 29,569,151



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President

Executive Director



PLANNING BOARD

Jon Levenstein, Chairman

The members of the Planning Board said farewell to their long-time chairman, Paul Drahnak, in November. After serving for sixteen years on the Board, Paul moved to Florida in November to pursue new career opportunities. His leadership skills will be missed as Bedford continues to experience a surge of commercial growth. The Board also lost an ex-officio member, Town Manager Keith Hickey, this year. Keith accepted the position of town manager for the neighboring community of Merrimack. We wish them both every success in their new ventures.

2006 was an unusual year for planning board applications. Although the Planning Board held 70 public hearings, only 2 new commercial applications were granted final approval, and numerous previously-approved projects applied for extensions of time to complete conditions or begin construction. At the end of the year, several large commercial projects had not yet obtained the federal, state, or local permits necessary for a final vote of approval. Subdivisions of new residential lots plummeted to their lowest level in almost two decades.

Final approval was granted for:

- 4 Subdivision Plans = 10 new residential lots
- 7 Lot Line Adjustment Plans
- 7 Home Occupation Permits
- 2 Site Plans = 97,020 sq. ft. of new commercial/industrial space
- 1 Site Plan = new soccer field
- 6 Change of Use Site Plans
- 16 Miscellaneous Plans – sign waivers, extensions of time, condominium conversion, comprehensive plan review

Major developments included:

- Country Inn & Suites - 100 room hotel on Route 3
- Hannaford Brothers – 36,000 sq. ft. grocery store on Route 101
- The Preserve at West Bedford – Comprehensive plan for a cluster of 61 single-family homes and 7 units of elderly housing.

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Karen White, AICP, Director

Development Trends

Both commercial and residential approvals by the Planning Board fell to their lowest levels since the recession of the early 1990's. The decline in residential development can be attributed to the dwindling supply of available land in Bedford coupled with a recent nationwide downturn in the housing market. However, explanations for the significant reduction in approvals for commercial development during 2006 are more complex. Although interest by land developers appears to remain strong in Bedford and there are several large projects in various planning phases, it is definitely becoming more difficult to bring a commercial development through the permitting process. Major sewer extensions, strong opposition by abutters, and projects linked to state highway improvements are some of the reasons for the slow progress of new projects towards successful approval and construction.

Highway Improvements

Bedford has been fortunate to be the recipient of several state highway projects that were completed in 2006. The Route 101/I-293 bridge widening – identified as a needed improvement in Bedford's 1984 Route 3 Corridor Study -- was finished by the NH Department of Transportation this year, along with widening of Route 3 from Kilton Road to Meetinghouse Road. At the same time, the NH DOT was also able to widen the ramps from the 101/293 highway onto Meetinghouse Road with traffic mitigation funds provided by the Target/Lowe's shopping center project. Developer impact fees provided the funding for a new traffic signal and right-turn lane installed by the Town at North Hawthorne Drive/Route 3. On Route 101, the NH DOT added an additional westbound lane from Route 114 to the traffic signal at Constitution Drive and also prepared the preliminary design for a proposed traffic signal at the intersection of Jenkins Road and Hardy Road with Route 101. This signal will be the first project implemented as part of Bedford's 2002 Route 101 Corridor Study.



Personnel Changes

During 2006, Bedford lost several of its most senior and influential community planning resources. After sixteen years of service, Planning Board Chairman Paul Drahnak resigned his unexpired term to move to Florida, while Bedford Town Manager Keith Hickey vacated his six-year post as an ex-officio member to accept the town manager position in Merrimack. In December, Planner II Nancy Larson left the Bedford Planning Department after nine years to become the planning and zoning administrator for the Town of Merrimack. And, following closely behind the others, eighteen-year veteran Planning Director and Zoning Administrator Karen White announced that she will retire in the summer of 2007. Consequently, the Town will face both a challenge to fill the void left by these experienced planners and an opportunity to seek out new leadership with a fresh vision for Bedford's future.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Christopher Bandazian, Chairman

The Zoning Board of Adjustment conducts hearings and issues decisions on applications for relief related to land use. The most common matters heard by the ZBA concern requests for:

- 1) Variance from use or dimensional requirements;
- 2) Special Exceptions;
- 3) Equitable Waiver from dimensional requirements; and
- 4) Appeal from decisions of Administrative Officials.

Zoning regulations may be applied in situations where there are unique or extenuating circumstances. In those circumstances, the Board of Adjustment provides a mechanism for local resolution of issues. The Board of Adjustment can grant an application if the legal requirements for relief are met, but cannot grant an application that would require rezoning or amendment of a zoning ordinance. After hearing evidence for or against an application, the Board of Adjustment deliberates and votes on all requests in public session.

In 2006, the Board of Adjustment heard 31 applications for variances, 9 applications for special exceptions, 3 applications for equitable

waivers and 2 administrative appeals. The majority of the applications filed in 2006 were variance applications for relief from lot line or wetland setback requirements and special exception applications for accessory apartments for family members. The distribution of applications is reflective of the maturing status of development in Bedford and also of efforts to address setback and use irregularities discovered as a result of the 2004 revaluation. Of the applications decided in 2006, 39 were approved or approved in part; and 7 were denied or denied in part.

Members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Town Council. The Board of Adjustment is comprised of 5 regular members, one of whom also is a member of the Town Council, and 3 alternate members, one of whom also is a member of the Town Council. Karin Elmer, a member of the Planning Department, attends all ZBA meetings and provides information to the Board.

Applications to request a hearing and the meeting schedule of the Board of Adjustment (usually the 3rd Tuesday of each month) are available at the Town Offices and also are available online at the Town website, www.bedfordnh.org. Completed applications are due no later than 14 days prior to the desired hearing date. The Zoning Administrator handles all public inquiries regarding zoning questions and assists individuals with application procedures.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING

David Preece, AICP, SNHPC Exec. Director

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of your appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.



Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of your Planning Board and/or the Board of Selectmen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation and, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Bedford during the past year are as follows:

- 1) Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture Series which was attended by Bedford officials;
- 2) Conducted traffic counts at 39 (thirty nine) locations in the Town of Bedford and forwarded data to the Town's Planning Director;
- 3) Hosted Mixed-Use Development, Form-Based Zoning, Private Roads, and Traffic Impact Fees for SNHPC Planners' Roundtable meetings which were attended by Bedford officials;
- 4) Reviewed traffic impact studies for proposed developments in the Town;
- 5) Sponsored Regional Waste Water Treatment Planning and Water Supply Forums held on March 22, 2006 and November 17, 2006 at the City of Manchester and PSNH which was attended by Bedford officials;
- 6) Prepared and submitted Brownfield's Grant Application for region on December 8, 2006;
- 7) Facilitated meetings of the I-93 Committee, which were attended by Bedford officials;
- 8) Participated in the planning process for proposed improvements at the NH 101/Hardy Road intersection;
- 9) Participated in the review process for four proposed developments submitted to the Town;
- 10) Coordinated recommendations from the MTA Comprehensive Operations Analysis with the Town;
- 11) Sponsored Affordable Housing and Sustainable Energy Forums on February 3, 2006 and April 17, 2006, which was attended by Bedford officials;

- 12) Hosted New Planning Board Member Training on October 23, 2006, which was attended by Bedford officials;
- 13) Sponsored Regional Comprehensive Plan discussions/ Steering Committee meetings, which were attended by Bedford officials;
- 14) Hosted CTAP Informational Workshop on October 26, 2006 in Bedford, which was attended by Bedford officials;

Bedford's Representatives to the Commission are: David J. Danielson (Executive Committee), Edward P. Moran, Harold Newberry, Lori Radke (Alternative)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Doris Peck Spurway, Secretary/Trustee

The Board of Trustees, Donald Folsom, Chairman, Doris Peck Spurway, Secretary and Trustee, Ralph Dieter, Trustee, held twelve (12) meetings during 2006.

Lot sales included 10 of which 8 were 2-place lots, 1 was a 4-place and 1 was a single lot. Burials totaled 31 with 17 being full burials and 14 being cremations. There were 2 burials at Joppa this year. Other transactions included 4 transfer, exchange or replacement 'Right of Interment' documents issued.

The Cemetery Trustees maintain four cemeteries in the Town plus the historic Walker Monument on Station Road. During the winter months, no burials are conducted and the cemeteries are closed to vehicular traffic.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Lynn Cornell, Chairperson
Dorothy L. Witzel, M. Elaine Tefft

As of December 2006, the voting list recorded **3,104** Democrats **6,991** Republicans and **4,958** Undeclared, for a total of **15,053** registered voters.

The Supervisors hold evening and Saturday sessions for registration of voters, as well as corrections to the checklist, before each election. These sessions are posted in the Town Office, the Library, and published in local newspapers. Residents may also register, correct or change



their party at the Town Offices during regular office hours. Eligible residents are also allowed to register to vote at the polls on voting days.

The Supervisors wish to thank Wanda Jenkins, Town Clerk, and her staff for handling the majority of registrations.

BEDFORD VILLAGE COMMON COMMITTEE

The Bedford Village Common is a 9.44-acre parcel of land owned by the town that is nestled between the Library, Bell Hill Road and Route 101 and located in the heart of the Historic District. The development of the Common is being done in phases, overseen by the Bedford Village Common Committee (BVCC) under the auspices of the Town Council. In response to requests from the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Town Council, the committee has concentrated on developing a master plan for the area. In spring, the BVCC approved a Site Plan Proposal that provides for environmental, engineering and landscape architectural services necessary for the permitting and development of the Common as depicted in the Conceptual Master Plan dated December 13, 2005. It has prepared a budget estimating the costs of developing the Common as a passive recreation area that will include walking paths, a skating pond and warming hut, memorial, picnic areas, improved parking, and signage. Construction will begin when wetland permitting is obtained. During the past year the Committee held meetings with abutters, met with Library Trustees, made a conceptual presentation before the Planning Board, and met with the Town Council.

The BVCC is a group of Bedford residents appointed by the Town Council including Beverly Thomas (Chair), Jayne Spaulding (Vice-Chair), Jeanene Procopis (Sec.), Kristin Desmarais, Mervyn Taub, and Tom Riley. Town representatives on the committee are Andy Egan (Town Council), Nancy Larson (Planning Department), and Jane O'Brien (Parks & Recreation Department). Anne Cruess of TF Moran donates her consulting services to the group. The BVCC remains committed to providing volunteer assistance to the Town Council and Parks & Recreation Commission with the goal of developing a town common for the benefit of the citizens of our community.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission met 12 times during 2006. This included 11 regular meetings and one public working session. The Commission approved 5 commercial signs, 2 commercial renovations, 2 landscape changes, 2 new residential buildings, 6 residential renovations. A total of 17 applications were filed and heard.

The Historic District Commission continued its work to update both the Historic District Commission Regulations and Rules of Procedure. Updated Rules of Procedure were put into effect this year. However the commission is continuing their effort to update the Historic District Commission Regulations. Updates to the Historic District Commission Regulations is expected during the first part of 2007. The commission drafted proposed changes to the Bedford Zoning Ordinance 45-8 (Historic District). These changes were brought up for public discussion early in 2006 and placed on the ballot in March of 2006. They were approved.

The Historic District Commission continued to identify properties within the Historic District where violations of the regulations had been observed. These violations were brought to the attention of the Zoning Department.

From January through June of 2006 Gregor Zimmermann served as Chairperson of the Historic District Commission with Beverly Thomas as Vice-Chairperson. Other members of the Commission include William Jean, Lori Radke representing the Town Council, and Harold Newberry representing the Planning Board. Alternates include Andrew Noyes and Timmie Maine Miller. In June Andrew Noyes was reappointed as an alternate to the Historic District Commission by the Town Council. Gregor Zimmermann as reelected Chairperson and William Jean was elected Vice-Chairperson. Other members of the Commission include Beverly Thomas, Normand Longval representing the Town Council, and Debbie Sklar representing the Planning Board and alternate Timmie Maine Miller. The Commission has had one alternate position open all year.



ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

William H. Ingalls, Assessor

During 2006, the Town of Bedford continued to experience growth, at a rate just higher than the end of 2004 through 2005 year with the total assessed town value increasing 2.9% since the end of 2005. Total assessed values are as follows:

Residential	\$2,564,699,774
Com/Ind	\$496,095,300
Utilities	\$31,261,664
Exempt	<u>\$86,722,578</u>
Total	\$3,178,779,316

Property tax exemptions and credits totaled \$6,940,207; for 2007, the Bedford Town Council voted to increase the Veteran's Tax Credit to \$500 from \$100, the Service Connected Total and Permanent Disability Credit to \$2000 from \$1400, and the Senior Tax Exemption for those 80 years of age and older to \$120,000 from \$52,000.

The total assessed value of any property residential or commercial, not completed by April 1, 2006, will not be reflected in the above listed amounts; all values reflect the state of completion and physical condition of all property as of April 1. The total assessed value of all property completed after April 1, 2006 will be included in the numbers for 2007.

The total number of property conveyances in Bedford as reported by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration was 538; this is 96 fewer or about 15% less than in 2005. While there have been less sales of completed residential homes in number (completed as of April 1 of each year, 409 sales in 2005, 324 sales in 2006) than last year, the average sale price increased just under 6% in 2006 (all sales considered are from October 1 the previous year through September 30 of the current year). In the residential condominium market not only was there more activity this year than last year (completed as of April 1 of each year, 47 sales in 2005, 59 in 2006) the average sale price increased just under 11%. These numbers represent re-sales of existing condominiums and do not include the recently completed units in the large Riverwalk Condominium building as none were completed as of April 1, 2006; those units will be in figures for the 2007 tax year. There appear to be many forces

pulling back and forth in the market at this time; on the one hand there are still concerns over interest rates (what the Fed will do to rates is anybody's guess) fuel costs (right now oil is down as this has been a very warm winter through mid-January but that can change at anytime this is New England) and world politics, but on the other hand a new middle-high school will be completed this coming fall enhancing the overall appeal of Bedford to families with children combined with increasing interest in the Route 3 corridor due to the airport bypass road that will re-energize Route 3 from Merrimack to Manchester (scheduled for completion in 2010, cross your fingers). Compared to many other areas in both in New Hampshire and across the US, Bedford continues to hold its own overall. Commercial activity continued in 2006 with the completion and at this time 50% occupation of the Sebbins Pond Marketplace that displaced the Bedford Motor Inn, a major addition to the building at 7 Commerce Drive, the beginning of a new assisted living facility on Hawthorne Drive, and the completion of the office building at 324 South River Road. Also there is the approval for both the Hannaford's on Route 101 and the Country Inn and Suites Hotel on Route 3 across from the Hampton Inn, and substantial investments in several office buildings on Constitution Drive. As was the case last year, with such uncertainty all around only time will tell how the Bedford real estate market performs in the current climate but there is cause for optimism for the future.

As of December 31, 2006, the classifications of specific property types are as follows:

Single Family Residence	6140
Residential Multi Family	45
Residential Vacant	462
Residential Mobile Home	6
Residential Condominiums	606
Commercial/Industrial Improved	523
Commercial/Industrial Vacant	45
Exempt	243
Utilities	27
Total	8097

The Assessor's office is continuing with the ongoing data re-verification and inspection program for the valuation update presently scheduled for 2008. In order to satisfy the "value anew at least once every five years" requirement of the State Constitution, this office will



continuously re-verify and re-inspect properties throughout each year. Physical property characteristics either missed or changed will be added or removed from properties; this way, we can avoid a majority of the cost of another revaluation and still use the most up to date information as possible. We ask and thank you for your continued cooperation and assistance in this important endeavor.

A public access computer terminal is available in the assessing lobby along with tax maps for property research. Copies of records are available for a nominal fee. Assessment information can be accessed online at www.visionappraisal.com, and maps/abutters lists for individual lots are available at www.mapsonline.net. Assessing office hours are 8:00 AM through 4:30PM Monday through Friday.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mervyn Taub, Chairman

Much of the Conservation Commission's discretionary time has been directed toward the creation of an outreach program to emphasize to the citizens the need to protect our wetlands, especially the 20 "Wetlands of Exceptional Value" identified by the engineering firm of VHB in their August 2005 study. A subcommittee is being formed made up of both committee members and interested citizens who will explore approaches to wetlands protection. The Commission also continued to evaluate opportunities to purchase parcels of land with significant conservation qualities, particularly those adjacent to existing conservation lands.

The Commission received 18 Dredge and Fill applications this year, up from 13 in 2005. The estimated impact if all the 18 are approved by the DES is approximately one acre, of which 23,000 square feet is the result of removing silt/fill from a pond on Bowman Brook.

To increase their knowledge of various conservation topics, Commission members attended various workshops and meetings including a seminar on Watershed Protection sponsored by the Department of Environmental Services, NH Association of Conservation Commissions annual meeting/workshops,

Southern NH Planning Commission and Environmental Permit lectures.

The Commission lost a tireless and very knowledgeable volunteer in Jeff Nelson who relocated to Maine. Jeff's field botany skills, GRANIT database support and his well reasoned comments will be missed by all.

Many thanks to our Commission members: Glenn Boston, Karen Simmons, Kermit Zerr, Anthony Clark, David Brown, Landy Labonte, Bob Young (Planning Board Liaison), Paul Roy (Town Council Liaison) and of course our Chairman, Mervyn Taub. Karin Elmer provides a much appreciated steady hand from the Planning Office to aid the Committee by providing support and research activities. Respectfully submitted by Glenn Boston, Vice-Chairman.

Pulpit Rock Subcommittee

Richard Moore, Chairman

The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, charged with overseeing and managing Bedford's Pulpit Rock Conservation Area, invites you to visit your conservation area. It is a great choice when you are looking for a hike that is close to home, with over 3 ½ miles of moderate to difficult trails. Pulpit Rock committee members include Richard Moore, Bill Ewing, Peter Delano, Clark Gott, Ray Landry, Doug Pryce, and Eric Soederberg. We would like to thank Jeffrey Nelson who has served many years as our Conservation Commission representative but has recently moved to Maine. Our thanks are also extended to those who have helped out in past years at the Pulpit for our annual workdays and we would welcome help this year. Also, anyone who would like to learn more about the birds, trees, geology, and history of the area, is welcome to join us for one of our Education Days. This year the Pulpit Rock workday is scheduled for Saturday April 14. Please check the Bedford newspapers, for specific details, rain dates, or possible schedule changes, and for information about our education day.



BEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION

Don Foster – Chairman
Craig Sanderson – Director
Keith Hickey – Acting Director (Feb-Nov)
David C. Bailey – Acting Director (Nov-present)

The Bedford Parks & Recreation Department's mission is to improve the quality of life of the residents of Bedford by providing recreation programs and facilities that are safe, enjoyable, and beneficial.

To help achieve this mission, the Department has a full-time staff of three - a director, program coordinator, and maintenance supervisor. Parks & Recreation also employs a part-time secretary, three part-time laborers, 14 seasonal pool staff and 19 summer camp staff.

2006 was another year of transition for the Bedford Parks and Recreation Department with the departure of Director Craig Sanderson in February due to military leave. The Department continued to manage quality programs under the guidance of Town Manager Keith Hickey, with Jane O'Brien, Wayne Harressey and Paula Talmanson all assuming additional duties and responsibilities throughout the year. In November, Chief David Bailey assumed the role of Acting Director.

In January, a draft Recreation Master Plan Update was presented to Town Council as an effort to identify the current and future recreational needs of the Town of Bedford and recommend strategies and actions for meeting those needs.

The Adult/Senior Advisory Committee's program survey was finalized and mailed to 6500 senior residents with an activity Resource guide in February. The first special event of the year was the first of a series of movie matinees sponsored by the Adult/Senior Advisory Committee on January 15th at the Bedford Meeting Room. More than 30 people attended the showing of "March of the Penguins" and the follow-up discussion facilitated by Jane Luke. The Department continues to improve its efforts to provide activities, programs and outreach to the Town's adult and senior residents. The Adult/Senior

Advisory Committee created a new website – *Bedford Adult & Senior Connections*, please check out the site at:

<http://bedford.adults.seniors.googlepages.com/>

In May, the Department held the Annual Springfest at Timber Town Playground and had many activities for kids and parents including tattoos by the Coalition of Bedford Youth and the Bedford Fire Department and Bedford Public Works Department's coloring book handout and "Touch-A-Truck" activity.

Although the forecast called for rain, we were able to get the annual Pre-Memorial Day Parade Celebration in. The parade was a success, thanks to the help of Mike Jennings, a UNH intern, who assisted the department during this busy pre-summer season.

The summer was busy with the Department's eight-week summer day camp – Camp Passaconaway. Under the direction of Camp Director Michelle Brisson, camp was divided into two age groups and held at two different school facilities this year. The McKelvie School housed the "Big Chiefs" under the supervision of Assistant Director Jennifer Verville, and the Peter Woodbury School was the home of the "Lil Tom Tom's" group with Assistant Director Amanda Black. More than 100 campers per week participated in games, crafts, activities and day trips. We would like to thank Bedford School District and the staffs at both the McKelvie School and Peter Woodbury School for hosting us this year.

Under the direction of Jane O'Brien, the Town Pool was open from June 10th until Labor Day weekend. The pool accommodated an average of 221 swimmers per day. More than 450 kids attended swim lessons and close to 200 pool passes were sold.

The Performance Stage located by the Town Pool was also the site of the 16th Annual Family Cultural Series, which drew approximately 2,000 attendees for the six Tuesday night performances. The Department and the Senior Adult Advisory Committee also co-sponsored an adult concert, "The Don Campbell Trio" which offered an



entertaining August evening night with country music.

The 11th annual Olde Towne Day held on Saturday, September 16th was a great success. Special thanks to Jane O'Brien and the Olde Towne Day Committee for coordinating and managing another wonderful family day for the community.

The Halloween Spooktacular, held October 28th at the McKelvie School for children ages 8 and under was successful despite the downpour of rain. Judy Pancoast from "Judy Tunes" entertained the children and the traditional candy hunt was split into two groups and held in the gym due to the weather. Several local service organizations made this event possible, including the Coalition for Bedford Youth, Bob Dyer from MetLife, the Bedford Police Department, and Louise Supple of Creative Weddings who took photos of the children to benefit the Michael Briggs Family Fund.

The Parks Maintenance crew under the supervision of Wayne Harressey did an excellent job maintaining the department's fields and facilities and helped to oversee the completion of several key capital projects this year, including the reconstruction of the Legacy multipurpose field, addition of obstacles at the Legacy Skateboard Park, tennis court resurfacing, and the Town Hall window replacement project. Thanks to Town Engineer Jeff Foote for his oversight and management of the Legacy Field and tennis court rehabilitation projects.

The Bedford Village Common Committee continues to develop plans for the Town Center Park project. With the help of Ann Cruess, landscape architect from TF Moran, the Committee spent much of the year developing conceptual plans and working to obtain the necessary permits to develop this property for recreational purposes.

The Parks & Recreation Commission established two working subcommittee groups this year. The first, directed by Bill Foote, is the Meeting of League Directors (MOLD) subcommittee which is made up of all organized groups that use Town facilities such as Babe Ruth, Bedford Swim Team and Bedford Cross Country Ski Club. The other

subcommittee chaired by Michelle Casale is the Timber Town Playground Planning Committee. The Committee is working to design and select new playground structures and raise funds to complete the project in 2007. The subcommittee established the Buy-A-Brick fundraising campaign and has been successful in receiving two grants - one from the Ann DeNicola Trust and the second from the Healthy New Hampshire Foundation. Please note that all bricks that were purchased when Timber Town was originally built in the early 1990's were preserved and will be included in the design of the new playground walkway.

In closing, we want to say "thank you" to those who sponsored or donated to the programs, activities or events for the Parks & Recreation Department. Without your efforts, the Department would not be able to put on programs for the community. Our sincere appreciation to the following supporters for their assistance this year:

Blakes Creamery, Bedford Men's Club, Bedford Girl Scouts, Bedford Newcomers Club, Bedford Swim Team, Coalition for Bedford Youth, Jutras Signs, Inc., Pizza Bella and Pizza Mia.

BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION (BCTV)

Bill Jennings, Station Manager
Coleen Richardson, Assistant Station Manager
BCTV Board Chairman, Gene Mackie

Bedford Community Television (BCTV) is the Town's local Public, Education and Government access community television station. BCTV has two channels. Channel 16 is for public and education programming. Channel 22 is dedicated to government programming. All town government meetings are broadcast live on Channel 22. School Board meetings are also broadcast on Channel 22, but will occasionally move to Channel 16 when there is a schedule conflict with live town government programming. All meetings are rebroadcast for later viewing. Programming schedules are updated weekly and published in both Bedford newspapers as well as on the BCTV website.

The station exists as part of a standard contractual arrangement between the town and



the local cable service provider, Comcast. Cable franchise fees collected from cable subscribers by Comcast fund the operation of the station. The station is NOT FUNDED BY TAX DOLLARS.

BCTV is governed by a Board of Overseers which is made up of residents, representatives from the town council, and the school board. The board is responsible for establishing policies and procedures for the station. The station is a department of the Town of Bedford with fiscal and personnel responsibility remaining with the Town Manager and the Town Council. The station has two full time staff personnel and six part time government/school video tapers.

The station's mission is to provide a forum for access to, and awareness of, public, education, and government community information. Use of the BCTV channels and facilities are free of charge to community members and non-profit organizations residing in Bedford.

BCTV encourages residents to get involved with the station by volunteering as producers, directors, camera talent, editors, or hosts of their own shows. Training is available from station personnel for anyone interested in learning about the "television business". In 2006, BCTV produced many programs that covered an array of subjects. Three of the station's volunteer producers received special recognition from the Alliance for Community Media in the Northeast Region (ACM-NE) for their respective programs this past year. Meme Stephens received first place for her show, "An Intimate Evening of Worship." Derek Neider, from the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Church, also received first place for his show, "Word of Light". Officers Matt Fleming and Bill "Spike" Donahue received a first place plaque for their program on the "5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation". Ken Williams, Principal at Peter Woodbury Elementary School, and Cheryl Abbott from the Manchester Monarchs also participated in this production. The public access television competition includes all of New England and the State of New York and is a tremendous honor for all of our volunteer producers.

BCTV would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of our other volunteers who provide us with a wide variety of programming. Some

programs highlighted are: "Warriors: Defenders of Freedom" produced by Mike Robinson, features WWII Veterans, "The Paul Bordeleau Show" a musical entertainment show produced by Paul Bordeleau, "Monarchs Face Off" produced by Bill Greiner, "Current Affairs" featuring a variety of town issues produced by Doug Pearson.



"Warriors of Freedom"
Producer: Mike Robinson

Then there are our retirees, such as Ed Carey, a volunteer retiree who is always available to tape those special programs at the Bedford Public Library, Cashin Senior Center, West High School or wherever good entertainment can be found. To Terri Shawver and her children Cassie and Hannah who have produced over 40 "Terri, Screech and Friends" children's shows at BCTV.

Finally to the many school and town officials who have stepped in front of the cameras this past year to help keep our citizens informed on various town and school subjects. To the Bedford Men's Club for their annual live coverage of the "Council and School Candidates Debates" and of course the BCTV Board whose members are, Chairman Gene Mackie, Vice-Chairman, Chuck Grau, Bob Thomas, Mary Lou Wilson, Ellen McAvoy, Lauren Horton, Anne Scanlon, town councilor liaisons to the BCTV board, Bill Van Anglen and Michael Scanlon and school board liaison, Terry Wolf

In 2006, 18 political candidates from local, state and national offices visited the BCTV studios to get their messages out to the residents of Bedford during this year's general election. Both parties were equally represented with gubernatorial, congressional, governor's executive councilors, and



state senatorial and state representative candidates all given time to tell residents why they should be elected. Candidates were impressed with the BCTV facilities and many residents indicated that BCTV was the place that helped them to understand the various candidates' positions.

The station, as part of its responsibility to support education programming and broadcast services to the school system, has worked closely with school administrators this year in preparation of the middle/high school opening in September, 2007. BCTV is providing equipment and support which will allow for broadcast coverage of sports, school events, and town/school public hearings from the high school auditorium and gym. BCTV is also providing equipment to support a new high school video lab. Additionally the BCTV station will be used as an extension of the classroom. It is anticipated that our student volunteer base will increase as a result of our planned working arrangement between the high school and BCTV.

This year the station continued to upgrade and improve its broadcasting capabilities by adding new digital cameras with camera control units, engineering studio controls and graphics in the station control room. Additional cameras were added at the School Administrative Unit (SAU) for better full room coverage. Equipment additions and upgrades will continue in 2007.

Please remember that Bedford Community Television (BCTV) is YOUR community access television station. Call us to learn more about how you can get involved with BCTV. Contact Station Manager, Bill Jennings, or Assistant Station Manager Coleen Richardson, by calling 472-8288 or signing on to the BCTV website at www.bedfordtv.com

BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

David C. Bailey, Police Chief

At the end of 2006 we had some changes in the make up of the Bedford Police Department. Off. Michael Griswold was promoted to Sergeant in the Detective Division to fill the slot left by the retirement of Sgt. Tom Maille. On December 31st Sgt. Michael Bothwick retired after serving the town of Bedford for 20 years. There was never a

more dedicated officer who took the job as serious as Mike did. He will be missed although he will stay on part time and work details. Off. Kyle Thrasher was promoted to fill his spot in the patrol division. Also, Auxiliary Officer Roland Latulippe has retired after being associated part time with the department for forty-five years. Roland is the officer that you saw for many years at Woodbury Court directing traffic. In the last few years he worked various road details and was always at the polls handing out his tootsie rolls to one and all. Roland we will miss you and thank you.

During the first half of the year a report was done by Municipal Resources Inc. of all aspects of the department. One part of the report indicated that we were understaffed. At this writing several new positions are included in the budget. We are mindful of all the issues that the taxpayers will be facing this year and have created a plan to spread them out over the next few years. The report is essentially a master plan for the department in the future, to catch up and continue to meet the needs of a growing community. We also look forward and are planning for the new high school opening in the fall. It will create new issues for us and we are working with the school district to meet these challenges together.

Again 2006 showed us that we are not immune to violent crime. Just 5 miles away, there was the tragic shooting and death of Off. Briggs of Manchester and then we had a shooting at a residence that stemmed from a party of young adults. In 2006 we investigated three fatal motor vehicle accidents. Two occurred on town roads and one on Rte 101. The one on Rte 101 took Bedford resident Hank McGee from his family and friends. I saw Hank working the polls at every election and I always looked forward to talking to him. A real tragedy as every motor vehicle fatality is. Traffic enforcement remains a top priority of the Bedford Police Department. On the positive side the major road project on South Rd./Kilton Rd. is completed with what I think are the intended results. The backup on Rte 101 by Macy's is gone and I saw no gridlock during the holiday season on South River Rd.

I still say that Bedford is a safe place to live and raise a family. I also always say that it is no accident, but is a combination of hard work of the



men and women of the Bedford Police Department and the cooperation of all the Town of Bedford departments and the support of the town manager and council. Clearly all this comes together only because of the good citizens of Bedford who continue to support the Police Department. I thank you all.

Bedford Police Department – 2006 Annual Statistics

Incidents	19,040
Abandoned Vehicles	38
Accidents	1358
Investigated	1348
Fatal	3
Property Damage	1237
Injury	108
Other	8
Alarms Answered	2140
Arrests	
Adult	555
Juvenile	117
MV Summons Issued	1325
MV Warnings Issued	4920
Parking Tickets Issued	200
Assaults	23
Assist Fire	199
Assist Other PD	262
Bomb Threat	2
Assist Utilities	36
Animal Complaints	311
Burglary	26
Civil	78
Disorderly	283
Dog Complaints	606
Drugs	11
Family Offense Calls	148
Found Property	75
Fraud/Counterfeit	76
Gun Complaints	45
Harassment Incidents	45
Highway Conditions	430
Homicide	0
Littering Complaints	13
MV Complaints	717
Phone Call Complaints	106
Lost Property	132
Rescue Assists	731
Robberies	3
Service Calls	643
Sex Offenses	15
Suicide	2
Sudden Deaths	10
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	798
Thefts	281
Town Ordinance Violations	72
Vandalism	302

BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT



(photo courtesy of M.L. Repeta)

Scott A. Wiggin, Fire Chief

This past year has been a very active and gratifying year for the Bedford Fire Department. Active, fire activity was high with the amount of structure fires we experienced, and the increase in emergency medical calls from previous years. We experienced 18 structure fires in which two were four alarm fires, and two other fires also occurred simultaneously by lighting strikes. We dealt with the Mother Day Floods which Bedford was part of an area that was designated for disaster relief. During 2006, we received funding for three additional firefighters and one fire inspector. We were also notified that we were the recipients of a FEMA Fire Grant for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Personnel for a sum of \$310,500.00 for three additional firefighters starting in July of 2007.

We received a Fire Safety Trailer through FEMA Fire Prevention Grants this past year which is utilized for public fire education in town and also with our neighboring communities.

We received a FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant for the sum of \$40,219 for the purchase of 29 new sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This grant is for the replacement of old and worn structural firefighting gear for all members of the department.

This past year fire personnel have been highly visible in the commercial and business districts of the community conducting fire inspections and fire pre-planning information along with assessing targeted hazards within the town. I



would like to thank these owners for their support and acceptance of these programs as it has been very well received.

A reminder to all citizens that due to the lack of snow cover this past year it is required by law to obtain a written fire permit any time the ground is not covered with snow. Also, any portable fireplace, which means devices such as chimeneas, steel fire pits, and any other devices designed to burn permissible combustible materials other than gas or charcoal are required to have a written fire permit. The fire department will conduct a site visit and access the installation and use, and if deemed appropriate a seasonal permit may be issued.

I would like to thank the general public for all their support through donations and letters of appreciation that we have received over this past year.

2006 FIRE DEPT. STATISTICS

	2006	2005
Fire Calls	549	509
Ambulance	1217	1189
Miscellaneous		
Service Calls	156	91
Field Inspections	536	477
Plan Review	51	74
Burning Permits	729	510
Blasting Permits	15	38
Subtotal Miscellaneous	1487	1190
Total Service Provided	3253	2888

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires

diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was very high during the first several weeks of the 2006 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in many sections of the state. The largest forest fire during this period occurred in late April and burned 98 acres. The extremely dry conditions in spring resulted in over twice the amount of acreage burned than in all of 2005. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 6 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2006 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported through November 8, 2006)
(excluding fires in the White Mtn. National Forest)

Causes of Fires Reported

Arson	15
Campfire	24
Children	13
Smoking	50
Debris	284
Railroad	3
Lightening	1
Equipment	4
Misc. *	106

(* powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Total Fires by Year

Year	# Fires	# Acres
2006	500	473
2005	546	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187



BUILDING/HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Wayne A. Richardson, CBO Code/Health Official
Wayne H. Moore, Code/Health Inspector
Gary Pariseau, Health Inspector – Food Service

Health Department

The Health Department reviewed plans for three new food service establishments to ensure compliance to the food service rules. Pre-opening inspections were performed for the three (3) new establishments as well as six (6) inspections for change of ownership. These inspections were in addition to the required 166 regular inspections and 139 follow up inspections. The follow-up inspections are for various compliance issues that ranged from "critical" to routine maintenance items. Follow up inspections are generally required when corrections cannot be made at the time of the routine inspection or the issue has not been corrected from a previous inspection. Seventy-one employees from the local food service establishments attended department sponsored free classes for safe food handling this past year. Unfortunately, even with the extra effort and emphasis on education \$750 in fines were levied for various repeat infractions. As always the department would prefer to educate rather than enforce.

Mosquito born illnesses continue to be a concern for residents of the town. This past year the DHHS did some mosquito trapping in town after confirmation of positive test results in neighboring communities. The results of those trappings were negative. However, the Health Department continues to advise all residents to be aware your best defense against contracting these diseases is by self-protection and following guidelines to help reduce mosquito breeding areas around your home. These guidelines can be found by following the links on the Health Department page on the Town of Bedford web site. The web address is: www.ci.bedford.nh.us.

Building Department

Rising interest rates seem to finally taken their toll on the rate of construction in town for both commercial and residential. Inspection numbers for 2006 remained at consistent levels of the past years while the total number of permits were down from previous years. Our percentage of re-inspections continues to increase generally due to trades persons not checking their work before

calling for their inspections. Certificates of Occupancy were issued for 81 new residential dwelling units and 7 new non-residential facilities. Permits were issued for, and construction started, on the 85 unit assisted living facility on Hawthorn Drive and the addition to 29 Commerce Park. There are still several commercial projects that have received final or conditional approval, which we expect to see applications for in the coming year. Two of these projects are Windsor Place Condos and Country Inn & Suites.

This past year was also an eventful one for the building industry in the State of New Hampshire with the adoption of the very first statewide residential building code. This adoption by the legislature completes the statewide code family for the state of New Hampshire. Copies of the current state residential and non-residential building codes can be found at the town library.

The building department does understand why sometimes owners do not want to get permits for work done on their property. All of us here in the department are taxpayers in the communities where we live and fully understand the potential financial impact these improvements may have on you. However, in a recent NH Supreme Court ruling regarding the applicability of codes the justices wrote, *"There is no such thing as an inherent or vested right to imperil the health or impair the safety of the community"* and the Town of Bedford voted many years ago to require permits for *"the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, prosperity, convenience, or general welfare, as well as to provide efficiency and economy in the process of development of the Town of Bedford"*. For these reasons the Town Council has approved a fine process for discovered work done without benefit of permits. Even if you hire a contractor, as the property owner you are responsible for securing permits and inspections if and when they are required. So a five-minute phone call may save you a lot of stress at a later date or it could save you money in the long run.

If you have questions about permits, when and if they are required or questions about food service establishments please visit the department web pages on the town web site or give us a call at 472-3838 with your questions or e-mail them directly to the person you wish to contact.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS****COMPARISON OF VALUE* OF WORK BEING DONE BY YEAR**

	2003		2004		2005		2006	
COMMERCIAL ADDITION	\$2,450,000	<i>2</i>	\$355,000	<i>2</i>	\$681,000	<i>3</i>	\$3,100,000	<i>2</i>
COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$2,370,918	<i>52</i>	\$3,257,204	<i>57</i>	\$3,671,432	<i>61</i>	\$6,791,002	<i>45</i>
NEW COMMERCIAL	\$25,402,200	<i>18</i>	\$16,466,011	<i>22</i>	\$20,651,000	<i>12</i>	\$715,000	<i>7</i>
NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING	\$42,047,435	<i>136</i>	\$44,757,530	<i>143</i>	\$36,117,500	<i>144</i>	\$28,601,268	<i>138</i>
NEW RESIDENTIAL	\$567,360	<i>23</i>	\$248,234	<i>11</i>	\$671,577	<i>21</i>	\$759,800	<i>22</i>
RESIDENTIAL ADDITION	\$6,244,713	<i>233</i>	\$6,172,510	<i>207</i>	\$5,945,497	<i>177</i>	\$6,552,761	<i>71</i>
RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$568,635	<i>31</i>	\$929,924	<i>45</i>	\$681,800	<i>36</i>	\$1,142,900	<i>24</i>
SEPTIC	\$242,250	<i>43</i>	\$431,900	<i>64</i>	\$342,700	<i>55</i>	\$507,686	<i>69</i>
SIGNS	\$78,061	<i>17</i>	\$144,357	<i>27</i>	\$146,230	<i>31</i>	\$144,808	<i>31</i>
SHEDS	\$170,295	<i>62</i>	\$135,429	<i>51</i>	\$135,717	<i>44</i>	\$113,698	<i>42</i>
SWIMMING POOLS	\$945,940	<i>50</i>	\$650,684	<i>36</i>	\$1,193,288	<i>38</i>	\$931,588	<i>46</i>
	\$81,087,807	<i>667</i>	\$73,548,783	<i>665</i>	\$70,237,741	<i>622</i>	\$49,360,511	<i>497</i>

Additions = where finished square footage was added to existing structure

Remodel = where no new space was added only reconfiguring and updating

New = entirely new structures (in residential this excludes dwellings)

Figures in italics are the number of permits issued to generate the values in the table.

TOWN OF BEDFORD

Building permits

New Dwelling Units

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Single	196	161	193	210	136	143	82	53
Duplex	20	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Condos	26	34	24	0	0	0	62	0
Apartmts	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	85
TOTAL	242	301	217	210	136	143	144	138

TOWN OF BEDFORD

Certificates of Occupancy

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Single	171	189	157	199	135	123	123	54
Duplex	15	20	1	0	0	0	0	0
Condos	57	30	25	19	0	0	0	27
Apartmts	212	58	70	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	455	297	253	218	135	123	123	81



BEDFORD PUBLIC WORKS

James B. Stanford, P.E., Director

Bedford Public Works has five divisions: Administrative, Highway, Solid Waste, Wastewater and Building Maintenance. There are 24 Full Time, 1 Full Time/Half Year, 1 PT and 2 seasonal employees. The department is responsible for maintaining a large segment of the Town's physical infrastructure as well as delivering important services including trash waste disposal; sewer service; snow/ice removal and treatment; Town events assistance; and new subdivision construction oversight.

The comprehensive roads program continued this year, in part, with funding from the 12 million dollar bond appropriation approved in 2005. We continued use of the pavement management system to evaluate and recommend cost effective alternatives for improving the condition of town roads. In total, over 14 miles of town roads were improved with rehabilitation or bituminous asphalt treatment. Among the road projects, County Road from Liberty Hill Road to Nashua Road underwent complete reconstruction with drainage system improvements and other utility upgrades. A major rain event in May caused severe regional flooding and while we were spared the major road damage that was seen in surrounding communities, several roads were closed and needed repair.

I would like to thank all the staff members for their cooperation and congratulate them on their many accomplishments this past year.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Paul Belanger, Superintendent / Asst. Director

During the 2006 winter seasons there were 23 snow and/or ice events. While the winter months did not yield significant snowfall totals, we did have several freezing/ice events that required multiple days of treatment.

Highway crews continued to play a key role in our long-range road improvement plan by spending the non-winter months on general road maintenance and drainage system construction. As part of the roads program, crews made several

drainage system improvements in the Pines and Forest Drive areas. To aid in the maintenance responsibilities, the Department purchased one 10-wheel and two 6-wheel dump trucks.

WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTE AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIVISIONS

Stephen R. Crean, Environmental Coordinator

Wastewater projects completed in 2006 included Bedford High School sewer extension and the pump station on County and Nashua Roads, minor sewer main extensions on Ridgewood Road, Atwood Lane, Constitution Drive and service connections to River Glen Condominiums and Sebbins Market Place. Repairs to the Hawthorne Drive sewer main were also completed.

Several site improvements were made to the transfer station including installation of a scale, construction of a bypass drive and construction/demolition material drop off area. A new residential sticker program was implemented and a new 5-year hauling/disposal contract was signed.

Building Maintenance projects included: refinishing wood floors at the Town Hall and minor remodeling projects at the Town Office Building and Town Hall.



*County Road Reconstruction
Bedford High School/Middle School*



2006 ROADS PROGRAM

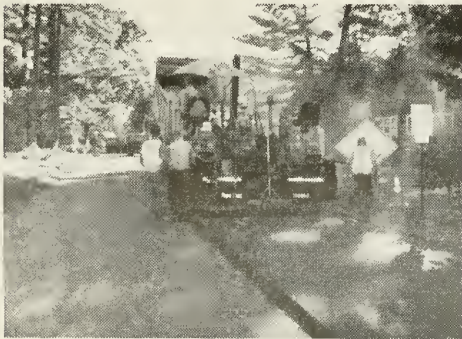
TREATMENT	ROAD NAME	FROM	TO
Reconstruction	County Road	Liberty Hill Road	Nashua Road
Rehabilitation	Brickmill Road Ledgewood Road Palomino Road	Ledgewood Road Jenkins Road South River Road	Wallace Road Brickmill Road Wayside Drive
Reclaim/Overlay	Arbor Lane Arrowhead Drive Autumn Lane Buttonwood Road Cajun Court Campbell Road Caron Road Chandler Road Christmas Tree Circle Deacon Road Fieldstone Drive Flintlock Road Forest Drive French Drive Glenwood Avenue Highland Farms Drive McAllister Road Ministerial Branch Ministerial Circle Northgate Drive Ridgewood Road Southgate Drive Spring Hill Road Steppingstone Road Wiggin Road	Christmas Tree Circle Flintlock Road South River Road Steppingstone Road Wallace Road McIntosh Lane Liberty Hill Road Ministerial Road Jenkins Road Ministerial Branch Buttonwood Road Buttonwood Road Meadowcrest Drive Buttonwood Road Manchester Town Line Liberty Hill Road Wallace Road Ministerial Road Nancy Lane Forest Drive South River Road Forest Drive Wallace Road Nancy Lane Wallace Road	Brickmill Road End End of Public Way Chandler Road End Joppa Hill Road End Bedford Center Road Jenkins Road Buttonwood Road Arrowhead Drive Arrowhead Drive Southgate Drive End End Forest Drive Ministerial Road Wildwood Drive End Forest Drive End of Public Way Forest Drive End Buttonwood Road End
Wearing Course	Braeburn Court Bedford Center Road Laurel Drive McIntosh Lane Meetinghouse Road North Amherst Road Wallace Road	McIntosh Lane Meetinghouse Road Kalmia Way Campbell Road Route 101 Bedford Center Road New Boston Road	End North Amherst Road End Oriole Drive Bedford Center Road Wallace Road Goffstown TL



2006 PUBLIC STREET ACCEPTANCES AND PUBLIC WAY EXTENSIONS

<u>Street Name – New Streets</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Total Accepted Length (+/-)</u>
Adams' Green	Baileys' Green to Baileys' Green	1,116 ft.
Baileys' Green	Liberty Hill Road to end	725 ft.
Barnside Drive	Greenfield Parkway around to end	3,275 ft.
Barr Farm Road	New Boston Road to end of Cul de Sac	3,600 ft.
Cottage Walk	Greenfield Parkway to Greenfield Parkway	1,183 ft.
Dogwood Lane	Barr Farm Road to Pondfield Road	822 ft.
Duck Hollow Road	Greenfield Parkway to end of Cul de Sac	594 ft.
Greenfield Parkway	Liberty Hill Road to Wallace Road	4,621 ft.
Hawthorne Drive (North)	South River Road to end of Cul de Sac	2,821 ft.
Homestead Hill Road	Jenkins Road to end of Cul de Sac	679 ft.
Marrett Road	Greenfield Parkway to end	360 ft.
Pondfield Road	McAllister Road to end of Cul de Sac	2,493 ft.
Sentry Road	Greenfield Parkway to end of Cul de Sac	1,180 ft.
Summit Road	Greenfield Parkway to Reeds Ferry Road	2,279 ft.
Swenson Road	Wallace Road to end of Cul de Sac	592 ft.
Tamarack Trail	Barr Farm Road to end of Cul de Sac	586 ft.
Tether Road	Swenson Road to end of Cul de Sac	695 ft.
Trellis Way	Barnside Drive to Barnside Drive	859 ft.
Tumble Road	Winding Road to Sentry Road	2,711 ft.
Winding Road	Greenfield Parkway to Greenfield Parkway	2,994 ft.

<u>Street Name - Extensions</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Total Accepted Length (+/-)</u>
Greeley Hill Road	Rice Lane to North Amherst Road	2,462 ft.
Rice Lane	Blanford Place to end of Cul de Sac	2,917 ft.
Technology Drive	South River Road to South River Road	3,850 ft.



Palomino Lane Reconstruction



Ridgewood Road Reconstruction



BEDFORD WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce A. Thomas, P.E., Chairman

The Bedford Water and Sewer Advisory Committee is charged to advise the Town Council and make recommendations in conservation, planning, infrastructure, funding mechanisms and legislation.

Over the past year, the Committee met to advise the Town Council and Planning Board. We discussed updates to the Sewer District Map and discussed the Planning Board's proposed regulation that would require the extension of water utilities to new subdivisions.

We also continued with the public education plan for water conservation with several "*Bedford Conserves*" articles published in the Bedford Bulletin in 2006.

The Water and Sewer Advisory Committee meetings are typically scheduled for the second Friday each month at 7:45 a.m. I would like to thank the following members for serving on the Committee over the past year: Paul Arnold, Paul Goldberg, Richard Moore, Bruce Thomas, Town Council Representatives Andrew Egan and Kevin Keyes, Steven Crean, Environmental Coordinator, Karen White, Town Planner, and Keith Hickey, Town Manager.

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mary Ann Senatro, Library Director
Trustees: Robert Brooks, Edward Moran &
Anthony Frederick

2006 was a banner year for the Bedford Public Library. June 2006 marked the 10th anniversary of the opening of our library building. The Friends of the Library sponsored a birthday celebration to commemorate the opening of our new building in June of 1996, complete with balloons, birthday cake and photo montage displays of the old library and the new construction. It was a reminder of all the hard work, time and generosity that went into making our new library a reality. The library building has served the community well and has

been admired by visitors from around the state, country and world.

Our building was one of the libraries featured in New Hampshire's 2007 Living Legacy Calendar produced by the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources.



We were awarded a Moose License Plate Grant from the Dept. of Cultural Resources for 2007. Bedford resident, Hope Inman wrote the grant in collaboration with Frances Wiggin and Mary Ann Senatro to preserve the 1789 original Bedford Library accession book.

The Bedford Public Library is a gateway to reading, information, culture, community activities, and self-directed learning for all members of the community, of all ages. It serves those who want to read, to learn, or to connect with our community and our cultural heritage. Circulation of books, audio books and other materials continues to grow as does meeting room use. In 2006 we were one of the first libraries to participate in the New Hampshire Downloadable Audio Books Consortium. The initiative was partially funded by a technology grant from the Gates Foundation and the Park Street Foundation. Access is available through our website, www.bedford.lib.nh.us, to over 1,000 audio books.

The library currently is open a total of sixty one hours a week and is also available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via the web. Our website: www.bedford.lib.nh.us provides remote access to the library catalog and many full text databases for research. From home or office, users can access



our online catalog, view their account, renew items or place requests. The library calendar of events is a new feature available on our website allowing patrons to view upcoming events at the library.

As always, we had an extremely successful children's Summer Reading Program with 1,239 Bedford youngsters reading 22,607 books. Many thanks to the hardworking children's room staff headed by Luci Albertson, Director of Children's Services. Bedford resident, Tracey Carrier, was the artist chosen to illustrate the posters and t-shirts for the statewide program entitled, "Treasure Reading". To go along with the theme of treasure and pirates, Bill Albertson designed and built a 6 foot pirate ship replica, complete with rigging and crow's nest for the children's room to be used as the book reporting station. We are grateful to the Bedford Public Library Foundation, the Rotary Club of Bedford, the Friends of the Bedford Library, Citizen's Bank, the Bedford Women's and Men's Club for their financial support and to all of the Bedford merchants who generously furnished prizes for the children and to the individual donors for helping make the program such a success.

Our popular Sunday Concert series sponsored by the Friends of the Library and funded by the Library Foundation continues to be well attended. Paul Bordeleau lined up a fabulous array of musicians for our listening pleasure. We continue to offer adult and youth book discussion groups and NH Humanities Council programs of interest that are sponsored by grants. Thank you to those in the community who shared your treasured collections and displayed your art in the deNicola Gallery this year.

This year we welcomed three new staff members. Miriam J. Johnson joined us as Assistant Library Director. Lynne Bishop and Lee Joyce joined us as Library Clerks replacing two staff members who left us in 2006: Denise Schnaars to a job at a local college and Jessica D'Avanza who relocated to California to continue her studies. We wish them both the best in their new endeavors.

In addition to our staff we are fortunate to have eighteen dedicated volunteers who provide support to our staff and enable us to provide excellent service to the community.

The community also benefited greatly in 2006 from the donations made by many community groups. The Friends of the Bedford Public Library sponsored the membership to the New England Aquarium, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Currier Museum. The Bedford Parent Teachers Group provided the financial support for the Museum of Science membership. The Bedford Public Library Foundation funded entertainers for children's programs, DVDs, our computer systems consultant, the McNaughton Book Lease Program and a preservation survey of the NH Room. The first Leen Lecture was held with local furniture maker/artist, Jon Brooks. The Bedford Rotary donated a painting, "Spring Mending" by artist Doreen Boissonneault from the annual art show, An Art Affair in the Country 2006. Laconia Savings Bank supplied us with bookmarks. The Lions Club provided us with library card protectors; and the Bedford Garden Club maintained our beautiful gardens and planted the urns. Books and garden statuary were purchased this year in memory of Marguerite Frizzell, our beloved children's room storyteller who passed away last year. Betty Thacher, who worked at the library for many years and was an avid doll collector, also had funds donated in her memory as did Parsons Richmond, longtime library volunteer and trustee.



Finally, we want to express our appreciation for the widespread community support that we receive to make the Bedford Public Library such a special place in our town.



2006 Library Statistics

Books on accession (12/31/2005)	68,241
Books purchased:	3,887
Books donated:	998
Sub-total	73,126
Books withdrawn:	3,761
Books on accession (12/31/06):	69,365

Library Holdings (12/31/06)

Books	68,365
Magazines	4,139
Audio books	2,578
Videos/DVDs	3,658
Compact discs	1,603
Total	81,343

Subscriptions - 2006

Magazines (titles)	113
Newspapers (titles)	11
Microfiche (titles)	29
Microfilm – (1 title)	32 rolls

2006 Circulation Statistics

Books	163,225
Magazines	6,194
Compact Discs	5,463
Videos/DVDs	38,875
Audio Books	11,721
Museum Passes	292
Subtotal	225,770
Electronic Resources	183,603
Total	409,373

Bedford Public Library – Special Account 2006

Cash on Hand 1/1/06	\$13,228.80
Income:	
Meeting Room	390.00
Copies	2,419.41
Book Sales	3,784.88
Fines	19,584.09
Gifts	17,021.04
Non-resident fees	630.00
Replacements	1,545.74
Grants	998.12
Total Income	\$46,373.28
Disbursements:	
Miscellaneous	4,331.19
Programs	6,284.53
Copiers	3,647.42
Library Enhancements	27,075.01
Books and Media	9,499.45
Total Disbursements	\$50,837.60
Cash on Hand 12/31/06	\$8,764.48

BEDFORD TOWN CLERK

Wanda L. Jenkins, Town Clerk

2006 saw several changes in requirements for elections and maintenance of vital records. New technology and training was called for to meet some of the requirements. For example, in 1988 the Town purchased Optech voting machines, which were utilized until the September 2006 election. The Optech machines used an office-style ballot and were unable to be modified to read the party column-style ballot as required by RSA 656:5-9. A Federal Grant provided Bedford with Accuvote ES-2000 voting machines, storage boxes and a bar code scanner to replace the Optech voting machines and permit compliance. The Town/School purchased an additional five voting machines, which enabled the Town to have the same quantity available as in previous elections, as well as extra storage boxes.

The Help America Vote Act separately required a direct recording electronic voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities at each polling place. This requirement was met by a State provided telephone/facsimile system connected to the State's data center in Concord that was available in the accessible voting booth at the polling place. With this system, a voter hears instructions, listens to candidate choices for elected offices and to ballot questions, and makes and confirms voting choices. The system then faxes a marked ballot with the confirmed choices to the voter, and the ballot can then be placed in the ballot box.

A third new technology we used in 2006 was the new Election Net Statewide Voter Registration System. During the spring, the State held training classes focused primarily on voter registration, absentee ballots and initial set-up capabilities for the new registration system. The new system was designed to help prevent voter fraud by identifying people that are not registered and people registered or voting in more than one city/town in the State.

There were also changes to record keeping in 2006, with more to come in 2007. Legislative changes effective July 4, 2006 eliminated the three day waiting period for marriage licenses. And, by May 2007 each State is required to have centralized database of vital records.



It has been a challenging year, particularly with some of the late changes to the election system and the changing needs of voters. It has also been an enjoyable year. It has been a pleasure serving the residents of the Town of Bedford and I look forward to next year.

TOWN CLERK ACCOUNTS:

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS:

Debits:	
UCC Filings	6,030.00
Certified Copies	5,312.00
Marriage Licenses	5,220.00
Dredge & Fill	120.00
Articles of Agreement	5.00
Pole Licenses	210.00
Miscellaneous	1,142.70
Total Debits	\$18,039.70

Credits Remitted to Treasurer	\$18,039.70
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DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT:

Debits:	
Licenses Issued	20,881.00
License Penalties	2,437.50
Dog Violations	2,450.00
Total Debits	\$25,768.50

Credits Remitted to Treasurer	\$25,768.50
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Grand Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$43,808.20
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TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Ryk Bullock, Scott Earnshaw, William Greiner

As the Trustees of the Trust Funds, we offer these brief comments on the reports that follow.

The Trustees are responsible for two types of funds: (1) Capital Reserve Funds, which have been established by the Town of Bedford or the Bedford School District in anticipation of specific uses, and (2) Trust Funds, which have been set up to support on-going projects, such as the Bedford library or the Bedford cemetery.

Trust and Capital Reserve Fund Totals for Year Ending December 31, 2006

Capital Reserve Funds (principal and revenue)

Route 3	9,379.33
Transfer Station Equipment	5,478.51
Transfer Station Improvements	44,692.27
School Maintenance	44,274.50
Conservation. Commission	343,711.54
Town Office Restoration	29,863.04
Safety Complex GB	17,975.35
School Tuition	135,311.72
Sidewalk Reserve	12,140.08
Comp. Replacement	45,678.85
Land Reserve	626,107.63
Radio Reserve	38,055.99
Fire Engine Replacement	100,183.49
Loader Replacement	74,910.46
Backhoe Replacement	85,541.57
Building Addition	25,417.72
Pick Up Truck Reserves	36,872.42
School Land Fund	536,091.86
Sewer Enterprise	476,940.72
Fire Equipment Reserve	78,881.16
Six Wheel Dump Trucks	51,582.66
All Purpose Tractor	22,254.03
School Building Fund	8,373.64
Accounting Software Replacement	54,144.24
Playground Reserve	11,899.94
Roadside Mower	58,926.58
Master Plan	73,988.59
Traffic Signal Improvements	20,680.63
BCTV	12,670.22
Sweeper Replacement	87,294.67
Grader	41,501.22
Chipper	10,437.51
Library Maintenance	66,620.68
Commercial Revaluation	10,316.52
IS Server Upgrade	6,189.91
One Ton Trucks	61,899.18
Portable Radio Reserves	9,284.87
Solid Waste	10,291.12

Total Capital Reserves	3,385,864.42
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Total Principal	3,043,345.59
Total Revenues	342,518.83
Total Principal & Revenue	3,385,864.42

Total Trust Funds

Total Principal	54,455.00
Total Revenues	2,436.11
Total Principal & Revenues	56,891.11

Grand Total

Capital Reserve Funds	3,385,864.42
Trust Funds	56,891.11
Grand Total	3,442,755.53

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2006 - 12/31/2006

- BEDFORD -

SFN	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
2006000002	CORREALE ROBERT T	MANCHESTER,NH	POULSTON ANNA M	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	01/01/2006
2006000043	FIDERE JUN J	LILBURN,GA	HENNESSY, MARIE K	BEDFORD,NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	01/01/2006
2006000062	BEDTOWIC ALEN	BEDFORD,NH	POZDER, SONJA	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	01/09/2006
20060000365	TANGUAY RICHARD A	MANCHESTER,NH	MCGOVERN, CHARLENE	BEDFORD,NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	01/21/2006
20060000614	BROWN SEAN E	BEDFORD,NH	QUEEN, HEATHER A	MERRIMACK,NH	BEDFORD	JACKSON	02/14/2006
20060000770	NEITHERCUT ADAM P	BIDDEFORD,ME	THIMSEN AMY J	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	03/04/2006
20060000836	HUBBARD JASON D	BEDFORD,NH	CATLIN VIRGINIA L	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	WILTON	03/11/2006
2006001020	PERREAULT MARK S	BEDFORD,NH	ROSS, NANCY C	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	03/29/2006
2006001289	SCHUMACHER BRIAN P	BEDFORD,NH	CREEL ALICIA R	BEDFORD,NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	04/16/2006
2006001402	BELL PHILIP D	BEDFORD,NH	MACE CAROL A	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	04/21/2006
2006001571	KFOURY PAUL R	BEDFORD,NH	BOYLE LORI A	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/02/2006
2006001887	DUBOIS BENJAMIN J	BEDFORD,NH	AMBER, MEGHAN R	BEDFORD,NH	MANCHESTER	MERRIMACK	05/19/2006
2006001917	MAGLIO MATTHEW S	BEDFORD,NH	WILKIE JENNIFER L	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	05/23/2006
2006001915	PERKINS ARTHUR J	MERRIMACK,NH	COFFEY CYNTHIA A	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	DUNBARTON	05/21/2006
2006002162	NOBLE CHRISTOPHER P	BEDFORD,NH	COFFEY, CYNTHIA A	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	MERRIMACK	05/21/2006
2006002217	KELLY, MARK	BEDFORD,NH	GEORGE, DEBORAH L	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	MERRIMACK	05/21/2006
2006002130	HUFFMAN RODNEY A	BEDFORD,NH	THOMSON, DIANNE C	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	MERRIMACK	05/21/2006
2006002038	PAYNTER, JONATHAN L	BRISTOL, TX	CARNEVALE, KIMBERLY L	MANCHESTER, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	05/27/2006
2006002456	BOGNASKI, MATTHEW F	DEERFIELD, NH	JORGENSEN JULIE C	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/29/2006
2006002367	CATER DAVID T	BEDFORD,NH	SPANIK, KRISTEN M	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/02/2006
2006002388	LANDEO JORGE A	WORCESTER, MA	STANLEY, JESSICA L	BEDFORD,NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	06/03/2006
2006002366	MERCURE, JAMIE A	BEDFORD,NH	MOLINA, BLANCA J	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	06/03/2006
2006002845	MOREAU, ROBERT D	BEDFORD,NH	MENARD, LAUREN G	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	HUDSON	06/03/2006
2006002878	COLLIER, RONALD D	BEDFORD,NH	RYAN, SARAH-ANN	BEDFORD,NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	06/16/2006
2006002915	SAVOY, TIMOTHY G	BEDFORD,NH	TOMASELLI, MICHELLE A	BEDFORD,NH	MANCHESTER	PEMBROKE	06/16/2006
2006002943	GALEOJA, DAVID K	BEDFORD,NH	TIMMIE, ANNIE S	BEDFORD,NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	06/17/2006
2006003038	DONAHUE, STEFAN K	BEDFORD,NH	CABAN, CHRISTINE M	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	WOLFEBORO	06/17/2006
2006003085	WILKINS, BRIAN R	BEDFORD,NH	LOLANGER, TANYA D	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/24/2006
2006003087	FORTUNE, JEFFREY M	BEDFORD,NH	HANSEN, BRENDA L	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	06/24/2006
2006003091	VANEPPE, CURTIS F	BEDFORD,NH	EMUS, JILL K	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	HOOKSETT	06/24/2006
2006003239	GARDNER, PAUL N	BEDFORD,NH	SHEPARD, GINA L	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	JACKSON	06/24/2006
2006003351	HOFFMAN, GARY S	BEDFORD,NH	MELLO, DANIELLE E	BEDFORD,NH	MANCHESTER	SEABROOK	06/24/2006
2006003413	GREEN, DAVID J	BEDFORD,NH	SOARES, THERESA L	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/01/2006
2006003470	DRAPER, MARK D	ROXLEY, MA	STRATTON, REBECCA L	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	GOFFSTOWN	07/01/2006
2006003470	SCHNEIDER, DEAN S	BEDFORD,NH	MOODY, CHRISTINE M	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/02/2006
2006003653	VALLIERE, SHAWN T	BEDFORD,NH	OROURKE, LINDSEY E	BEDFORD,NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/06/2006

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2006003711	FANNING JAMES M	BEDFORD NH	COOKE KRISTIN A	AMHERST NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	07/08/2006
2006004035	HUNNIUS WESLEY G	RICHMOND VA	SOFIELD KRISTIN B	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	WINDHAM	07/14/2006
2006004260	SUTTER KEVIN G	BEDFORD NH	MELIM KELLY A	BEDFORD NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	07/15/2006
2006004110	SCHULZ CARL B	BEDFORD NH	REGINE LAUREN J	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	ROCHESTER	07/15/2006
2006004222	CHU ANTONY F	PHILADELPHIA PA	LALLY KATE M	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/22/2006
2006004296	FINNERTY STEVEN J	BEDFORD NH	CHALIFOUR AMY L	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/22/2006
2006004433	LACERTE MICHAEL P	BEDFORD NH	KUSTRA KAREN L	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/26/2006
2006004658	ULRICH JUSTIN L	GREENVILLE SC	BROWN REBEKA A	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	LITCHFIELD	07/26/2006
2006004510	BELL GEORGE A	BEDFORD NH	AMERY BEVERLY A	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/29/2006
2006004569	CARRANZA THEODEUS J	BOSTON MA	KRAUSE TINA S	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	07/29/2006
2006004720	CRANDALL JOHN G	BEDFORD NH	WILBER LARISSA A	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/29/2006
2006004829	HALL BRYAN A	BEDFORD NH	BOYLE KIMBERLY	CHARLESTOWN MA	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/05/2006
2006004718	HYDE JONATHAN P	BEDFORD NH	BERSACK CAROLINE L	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	WINDHAM	08/06/2006
2006004828	SEKANEK JAMES	BEDFORD NH	KACZMAREK PATRICIA F	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/06/2006
2006005404	OKEKE CHRIS A	BEDFORD NH	ODIGBOH NKEMDIUM K	BEDFORD NH	NASHUA	NASHUA	08/12/2006
2006005002	HOOPER JAMES A	BEDFORD NH	CHAN SUTHERN L	BEDFORD NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	08/12/2006
2006005164	SCHAEFFER SCOTT E	BEDFORD NH	VAN EDEN DANIELLE M	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	NASHUA	08/12/2006
2006005048	PATOS DAVID J	BEDFORD NH	BRITTON JENNIFER L	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	CHICHESTER	08/13/2006
2006005162	MCINERNEY JOHN T	BEDFORD NH	STURGIS ASHLEY K	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	AMHERST	08/15/2006
2006005413	MCINERNEY JOHN T	BEDFORD NH	PRENOVEAU DOREEN C	MANCHESTER NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	08/19/2006
2006005413	DUPONT TROY A	MANCHESTER NH	ROXO GABRIELLA	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	GOFFSTOWN	08/19/2006
2006005495	MAILLOUX PETER A	BEDFORD NH	BLAINE DAWN M	BEDFORD NH	NASHUA	BEDFORD	08/26/2006
2006005786	PROULX MATTHEW D	BEDFORD NH	LABELLE AMY L	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/02/2006
2006006042	ARBOLEDA CESAR A	BEDFORD NH	WILLIAMS DONNA E	BEDFORD NH	MANCHESTER	NORTH HAMPTON	09/02/2006
2006006104	BOURCIER SCOTT M	BEDFORD NH	ADAMS ASHLEY A	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	09/03/2006
2006006039	LIAD'S KEITH N	BEDFORD NH	SUANET JENNIFER J	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	MERIDITH	09/03/2006
2006006437	MCCUSKER NATHAN L	BEDFORD NH	KATIS KASSANDRA S	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/16/2006
2006006594	GALUPEAULT RICHARD J	BEDFORD NH	LAPURKA ANNETTE	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	09/23/2006
2006006975	KROCHMAL MATTHEW J	FALLS CHURCH VA	MULVEE JULIE A	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/23/2006
2006006992	HERRERA HERNANDO	BEDFORD NH	IRVING CASSANDRA L	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/23/2006
2006007207	MARTINEAU JUSTIN W	BEDFORD NH	BRUNELLE KATHY P	BEDFORD NH	MANCHESTER	HENNIKER	09/29/2006
2006007203	GAGNON JEFFREY J	BEDFORD NH	DR SCOLL SHARON M	DUNBARTON NH	DUNBARTON	CERRY	09/30/2006
2006007327	KLARDIE ERIK J	BEDFORD NH	WASS LAURIE J	BEDFORD NH	NASHUA	NASHUA	10/01/2006
2006007562	GREER ROBERT H	BEDFORD NH	BENTON ELISA M	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	10/06/2006
2006007634	FOLSOM KEITH C	BEDFORD NH	PHELPS JACLYN E	BEDFORD NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/06/2006
2006007637	HOLT RICHARD S	HUDSON NH					

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2006007638	ST ONGE, CHAD J	BEDFORD, NH	WISBER, TAMMY V	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	PELHAM	10/07/2006
2006007660	TENNETT, DENNIS H	NASHUA, NH	ASHLEY, LAUREN H	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/07/2006
2006007633	ODONNELL, TIMOTHY J	BEDFORD, NH	DURRIGAN, KELLY S	BEDFORD, NH	NASHUA	BEDFORD	10/08/2006
2006007764	TREMBLAY, FRANCOIS A	MANCHESTER, NH	PAGE, DONNA N	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	10/14/2006
2006007928	GODFREY, MARK F	BEDFORD, NH	DUTRA, DARLENE M	MANCHESTER, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/14/2006
2006007922	MACHOS, KEVIN M	BEDFORD, NH	MEEHAN, LAUREN J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	10/14/2006
2006007904	PROVANCE, ALAN G	BEDFORD, NH	MITCHELL, ELIZABETH B	BEDFORD, NH	HOLLIS	HOLLIS	10/15/2006
2006008333	MACWILLIAM, RAE M	BEDFORD, NH	LARSEN, KRISTIANA J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HENNIKER	10/22/2006
2006008185	CASTRO, JOSE M	MANCHESTER, NH	NONATO, SOARES, ELIANA	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	10/24/2006
2006008356	BUTTERFIELD, STEPHEN J	BEDFORD, NH	COWIE, BETH J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/31/2006
2006008343	JOYAL, MARK P	DERRY, NH	HALPIN, DAWN K	BEDFORD, NH	DERRY	DERRY	11/01/2006
2006008469	ONEL, WILLIAM E	BEDFORD, NH	MARTELL, ROBIN A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	11/12/2006
2006008678	SCHMIDT, RYAN M	BEDFORD, NH	ROLL, PHAEDRA E	LYNNFIELD, MA	BEDFORD	GOFFSTOWN	11/18/2006
2006008692	BUTTON, RONALD E	BEDFORD, NH	MARIANOS, PATRICIA Y	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	11/25/2006
2006008750	POULIN, JEAN	BEDFORD, NH	STAFFORD, DONNAL L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MERRIMACK	11/26/2006
2006008829	ORTEGA-AMAYA, JOSE A	MANCHESTER, NH	ANGEL, SHARON E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	11/26/2006
2006008791	BENTLEY, MICHAEL D	BEDFORD, NH	HEMPHILL, MARANATHA F	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/01/2006
2006008207	URTZ, FREDERICK W	BEDFORD, NH	LAMBERT, JILL	HENNIKER, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	12/26/2006
2006009204	HALPIN, DAN D	BEDFORD, NH	MCKEON, VALERIE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/29/2006

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2006000100	LABROSSE LILY KIM	01/07/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	LABROSSE, ISAIAH	LABROSSE, MICHELLE
2006000442	WILCZEWSKI, ALEXIS LAURA	01/09/2006	NASHUA, NH	WILCZEWSKI, DANIEL	WILCZEWSKI, CHRISTINA
2006000441	SCHROEDER EVAWILLEE ASHLEIGH-ELI	01/09/2006	NASHUA, NH	SCHROEDER, CHRISTOPHER	SCHROEDER, CHERYLANN
2006000628	MOONEY SOPHIE GRACE	01/13/2006	NASHUA, NH	MOONEY, JAMES	MOONEY, JANNETTE
2006002374	ROSSI, ARDEN FAITH	03/10/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	ROSSI, ADAM	ROSSI, AMY
2006002371	BALDWIN ZOE PARKER	03/10/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	BALDWIN, MARK	BALDWIN, KIMBERLY
2006002596	FITZGERALD, CAITLIN MAE	03/17/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	FITZGERALD, TODD	FITZGERALD, MARTHA
2006002614	SIMPSON, LILLY COLLEEN	03/17/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SIMPSON, ALAN	SIMPSON, BRIDGETTE
2006002821	ALDERTON, BERKELEY ANDERSON	03/22/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	ALDERTON, DOUGLAS	ALDERTON, HEATHER
2006003009	DUMONT, JOSHUA ROBERT	03/26/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	DUMONT, MICHAEL	DUMONT, MELISSA
2006003266	BROTHERS, DREW BRIAN	04/01/2006	CONCORD, NH	BROTHERS, KEVIN	BROTHERS, CARYN
2006003896	CLOUTIER, LOGAN MICHELLE	04/06/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	CLOUTIER, JOHN	CLOUTIER, SHANNON
2006003504	MOSSMAN, AVA ELISABETH	04/10/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MOSSMAN, ROBERT	MOSSMAN, LAURA
2006003464	BELLMORE, CAMERON SCOTT	04/10/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	BELLMORE, RAYMOND	BELLMORE, JESSICA
2006003678	HAYES, CONOR MICHAEL	04/14/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	HAYES, JEFFREY	HAYES, KATHERINE
2006004087	GUIBORD, TAYLOR REBECCA	04/26/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	GUIBORD, ALAN	GUIBORD, REBECCA
2006004150	PAUGH, NOAH LESTER	04/27/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	PAUGH, CLAUDE	PAUGH, SHARON
2006004177	RISO, JOHN FRANCIS	04/28/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	RISO, JOHN	RISO, LISA
2006004381	JOHNSTON, SEAN JOSEPH	05/03/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	JOHNSTON, SHANIE	JOHNSTON, JENNIFER
2006004622	HELMKE, WILLIAM DAVID	05/06/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	HELMKE, CHRISTOPHER	HELMKE, DEIDRE
2006004824	BEHRE, HAIDEN ELIZABETH	05/09/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	BEHRE, RORICK	COURTNEY MANCHE, KARLA
2006004789	WHITNEY, MILENA REED	05/13/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	WHITNEY, JAMES	WHITNEY, PAMELA
2006004925	CHAMPAGNE, BRADY MARSHALL	05/15/2006	DERRY, NH	CHAMPAGNE, JEFF	CHAMPAGNE, SHERRI
2006005017	JONES, PATRICK BENJAMIN	05/19/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	JONES, FREDERICK	JONES, MICHELLE
2006005764	SHANK, AUTUMN JOSEPHINE	05/21/2006	EXETER, NH	SHANK, JON	GOYETTE SHANK, NICOLE
2006005247	DALOISIO, RYAN MADISON	05/25/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	DALOISIO, TIMOTHY	DALOISIO, JENNIFER
2006005297	THERRIEN, JACK EUGENE	05/27/2006	NASHUA, NH	THERRIEN, JACK	THERRIEN, CINDY
2006005369	CHONG, CHRISTOPHER WAH-EDWARD	05/31/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	CHONG, CHOW-WENG	CHONG, G.G. LORIE
2006005810	ARBOUR, MATTHEW JOSEPH	06/08/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	ARBOUR, JEREMY	ARBOUR, MICHELLE
2006005811	ARBOUR, SARAH EMILY	06/08/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	ARBOUR, JEREMY	ARBOUR, MICHELLE
2006005716	JONAS, CAMERON JOSEPH	06/08/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	JONAS, KEVIN	JONAS, CAROL
20060056321	CLARK, NATHANIEL CHRISTOPHER	06/12/2006	NASHUA, NH	CLARK, KENNETH	VRIGHT, MICHELE
2006005961	KRUEGER, GRACE IRELAND	06/14/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	KRUEGER, JOHN	KRUEGER, ELIZABETH
2006005958	SHINNEMAN, CHLOE DAYLE	06/16/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SHINNEMAN, JASON	SHINNEMAN, TRICIA
20060056060	SYLVAIN, MAX MICHAEL	06/16/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SYLVAIN, ERIC	SYLVAIN, ROZANNE
20060056521	CASTLE, KRISAUNDRA EMILY	06/29/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	CASTLE, ERNEST	CASTLE, JOLENE
20060056927	MICHAUD, LUCIEN HENRY	06/30/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MICHAUD, THOMAS	DINNERSTEIN, GEORRINE

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2006007076	GEORGE, GIANNA JOELLE	07/11/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	GEORGE, JAMES	CESARIO, CANDACE
2006007222	VIKSTROM, AVA CHRISTINE	07/14/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	VIKSTROM, ANDERS	VIKSTROM, AMY
2006007363	MAGLIO, GIANNA ELISE	07/18/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MAGLIO, MATTHEW	MAGLIO, JENNIFER
2006007553	ROTHENBERG, HANNAH RACHEL	07/23/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	ROTHENBERG, CRAIG	ROTHENBERG, MARY ELLEN
2006008304	THANDAPANI, APARNA	07/31/2006	NASHUA, NH	PALANICHAMY, THANDAPANI	VENKATACHALAPATHY, BANUDUJ
2006008358	UNDERWOOD, MAXWELL YOUNG	08/16/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	UNDERWOOD, GLEN	UNDERWOOD, SHARON
2006008393	WELCH, LAMAR L. AVERY	08/18/2006	CONCORD, NH		WELCH, MICHELLE
2006008946	SOLLOWAY, CHARLES RICHARD BRUCE	08/23/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SOLLOWAY, SCOTT	SOLLOWAY, KERRY
2006009011	VIGUE, MADISON ANDREA	08/25/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	VIGUE, JOSEPH	VIGUE, CHRISTINE
2006009065	MORRISSETTE, MEGAN GRACE	08/27/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MORRISSETTE, STEPHEN	MORRISSETTE, TRACY
2006009088	BREEN, COLIN MICHAEL	08/28/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	BREEN, JONATHAN	BREEN, REBECCA
2006009576	ARCHBOLD, KALEY BRIANNA	09/07/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	ARCHBOLD, BRIAN	ARCHBOLD, JENNIFER
2006009680	LENNON, CONNOR JACK	09/08/2006	NASHUA, NH	LENNON, JEFFREY	LENNON, CLAIRE
2006010406	IZZO, LIA NICHOLE	09/08/2006	NASHUA, NH	IZZO, RONALD	IZZO, ANDREA
2006010010	FEIL, ELIAH GRACE	09/16/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	FEIL, WRYAN	FEIL, HOLLY
2006009966	DONELLI, MICHAEL ALDO	09/18/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	DONELLI, MARK	DONELLI, AMY
2006012209	BARKER, CLAY THOMAS	09/18/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BARKER, THOMAS	BARKER, MICHELE
2006010418	HAWORTH, LIAM ALAN	09/23/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	HAWORTH, JONATHAN	MARTIN, JENNIFER
2006010415	KENNEY, ADDISON ELIZABETH	09/23/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	KENNEY, CHRISTOPHER	KENNEY, JODI
2006010416	KENNEY, AINSLEY EILEEN	09/23/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	KENNEY, CHRISTOPHER	KENNEY, JODI
2006010423	SUOZZO, PETER JOSEPH	09/30/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SUOZZO, RANDAL	SUOZZO, SUSAN
2006011048	ZAMOR, TORRIE GABRIEL	10/13/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	ZAMOR, WOLF	ZAMOR, MARIE
2006011372	MERK, JENNAFER LINDA	10/20/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MERK, ROBERT	MERK, LAURIE
2006011262	MACDONALD, AMELIA ELAINE	10/20/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MACDONALD, PETER	MACDONALD, PAMELA
2006011838	PERONI, JACK RICHARD	10/31/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	PERONI, JASON	PERONI, KAREN
2006011367	POZA, AIDEN HUGH	11/01/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	POZA, HUGH	POZA, ELIZABETH
2006011666	SETZLER, ANNELISE NORWOOD	11/02/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SETZLER, SCOTT	NORWOOD, AMY
2006012053	OBREITER, LAUREN MARIE	11/08/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	OBREITER, WILLIAM	OBREITER, MARIE
2006012516	WATSON, TUCKER JAMES	11/23/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	WATSON, LOUIE	WATSON, MELINDA
2006013511	GILBERT, ELIZA MAY	12/19/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	GILBERT, GARY	GILBERT, NICOLE
2006013774	COLETTI, CHRISTOPHER CESIDIO	12/28/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	COLETTI, CHRISTOPHER	COLETTI, JENNIFER

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2006000068	UNDE, CLARA	01/03/2006	BEDFORD, NH	MCCUE, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
2006000113	QUINN, WILLIAM	01/03/2006	BEDFORD, NH	QUINN, THOMAS	GOULD, FLORENCE
2006000159	RIFF, WILLIAM	01/07/2006	BEDFORD, NH	RIFF, WALTER	TRACY, ALICE
2006000176	BATTELL, ALLATAR	01/07/2006	BEDFORD, NH	HERRALA, JOHN	KERO, SOPHIE
2006000158	TURNER, ALFRED	01/08/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	TURNER, ALFRED	CHADWICK, ANNIE
2006000202	HUTCHINSON, EARLE	01/08/2006	BEDFORD, NH	HUTCHINSON, GEORGE	ARLT, JULIA
2006000285	COWDERY, ARTHUR	01/09/2006	MERRIMACK, NH	COWDERY, ARTHUR	MEDWAY, ALICE
2006000401	JENOT, STEVEN	01/14/2006	BEDFORD, NH	JENOT, JOHN	DOW, MARJORIE
2006000387	LUCY, PATRICIA	01/16/2006	BEDFORD, NH	TIMMINS, FREDERICK	SHAUGHNESSY, ELLA
2006000413	MARTIN, GENEVEVE	01/16/2006	BEDFORD, NH	PETROSKY, STANLEY	ORZECZ, CAROLINE
2006000358	RAUDING, ROSE	01/17/2006	BEDFORD, NH	HAMMERBECK, ANDREW	PETTERSON, HEDVIG
2006000511	DZIEDZIK, JOHN	01/21/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	DZIEDZIK, JOSEPH	RYKALA, MARY
2006000645	BELLINGER, DOROTHY	01/25/2006	BEDFORD, NH	STIMETS, CHAUNCEY	KIRK, SIBELLA
2006000666	BOURQUE, ROGER	01/25/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	BOURQUE, DOVAT	MAILHOT, ROSE ALMA
2006000811	ROGIER, WILLIAM	01/31/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	ROGIER, WILLIAM	SWISZCZ, AMELIA
2006000854	FRENCH, ETTA	02/03/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SCHNEIDERHEINZE, ELDRED	PILOSS, MARGARETTA
2006001010	BEAUCHAMP, ANNA	02/03/2006	BEDFORD, NH	ST AMOUR, ALFRED	UNKNOWN, CORINNE
2006000889	BRISSON, FLORENCE	02/07/2006	BEDFORD, NH	SIZARD, ALEXANDER	MARTEL, AURORE

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2006000960	PHILBERT, HENRY	02/06/2006	BEDFORD, NH	PHILBERT, ALBERT	ROBERGE, DIANA
2006001042	DUCHARME, LILLIAN	02/09/2006	BEDFORD, NH	FOURNIER, WILLIAM	JOLIN, JOSEPHINE
2006001128	TRUDEL, ALICE	02/10/2006	BEDFORD, NH	TARDIFF, JOSEPH	DELISLE, OOLA
2006001123	CLUGHERTY, MARION	02/11/2006	BEDFORD, NH	LAGACY, ALPHA	O'CONNOR, EMILY
2006001356	PARTEE, ELVA	02/20/2006	BEDFORD, NH	DOVER, AUD	STOVE, NANNIE
2006001377	BURKE, ROSEMARY	02/21/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BURKE, WILLIAM	CHRISTIE, IRENE
2006001410	ORDWAY, MARY	02/21/2006	BEDFORD, NH	SILVA, DEODATO	PIERA, ALBERTINA
2006001437	MARTIN, HELEN	02/23/2006	BEDFORD, NH	MARTIN, WILLIS	SIDDALL, LYDIA
2006001475	BROUILLARD, VIRGINIA	02/24/2006	BEDFORD, NH	SNELL, MALCOM	UNKNOWN, MILDRED
2006001491	FARLAND, ARLINE	02/26/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SCOFIELD, STEWARD	CHARRON, MARY
2006001623	TIERNEY, MARY	02/27/2006	BEDFORD, NH	ROWMAN, PATRICK	FLEWING, MARY
2006001602	PIECUCH, STELLA	02/28/2006	BEDFORD, NH	RYBCZYK, JAKOB	JUSCACK, ANNA
2006001698	DEMOS, CLAIRE	03/02/2006	BEDFORD, NH	RHEAUME, PHILIP	LAFOND, ANNETTE
2006001703	CLUMSTEAD, LOUISE	03/04/2006	BEDFORD, NH	TETREAULT, RALPH	BOIS, LENA
2006001741	LANE, ISABELLE	03/06/2006	CONCORD, NH	SPENCER, GEORGE	MACPHEE, JENNIE
2006001871	PILOTTE, LUCIEN	03/09/2006	BEDFORD, NH	PILOTTE, NAPOLEON	NORIN, EMMA
2006001888	SCRUTON, DAVID	03/10/2006	BEDFORD, NH	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
2006002007	ESSMANN, GERTRUDE	03/14/2006	BEDFORD, NH	ESSMANN, CURT	KLEINKNECHT, LOUISE



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2006001992	HARVEY, MAURIEL	03/15/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	LOXTON, JOHN	GRAY, EULA
2006002047	NEUGEBAUER, MURIEL	03/15/2006	BEDFORD, NH	CHASE, FRANK	RIPLEY, LENA
2006002108	MUMAW, PAULINE	03/15/2006	BEDFORD, NH	STROUD, FRED	WESLEY, MARTHA
2006002164	GATES, JESSIE	03/19/2006	BEDFORD, NH	EVANS, RALPH	MILLER, JESSIE
2006002269	BERARD, IRENE	03/23/2006	BEDFORD, NH	SIMARD, ALFONSE	GAGNON, ALFONSINE
2006002385	RABINOWITZ, ANN	03/28/2006	NASHUA, NH	LEVENTHAL, JOSEPH	UNKNOWN, SARAH
2006002444	FARNSWORTH, CYNTHIA	03/28/2006	BEDFORD, NH	HCVT, EDWARD	STRONSOE, MARY
2006002460	HACKL, MARY	03/28/2006	BEDFORD, NH	SHEEHY, THOMAS	MALLOY, BRIDGET
2006002561	HOWARD, DELLA	03/29/2006	BEDFORD, NH	FREELY, WILLIAM	KEANE, BRIDGET
2006002511	LAVOIE, MARGARET	03/31/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	CONNELLY, MARTIN	MCDONALD, MARGARET
2006002515	SMAGULA, MARK	04/01/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SMAGULA JR, HENRY	PAYNE, JUDY
2006002611	BODWELL JR, RICHARD	04/01/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BODWELL, RICHARD	WEINHOLD, MINNIE
2006002643	ARUTE, JACK	04/03/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	ARUTE, JACK	JORSEY, DORA
2006002645	LEKAS, MARY	04/04/2006	BEDFORD, NH	QUINN, WILLIAM	KENNEDY, MARY
2006002665	BAILEY, ELEANOR	04/05/2006	BEDFORD, NH	CHILD, ARTHUR	MOULTON, HELEN
2006002792	LAHEY, WILLIAM	04/09/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	LAHEY, GEORGE	GAUTHIER, HELEN
2006002810	CASSIDY, ROSE	04/11/2006	GROFFSTOWN, NH	ROY, ERNEST	HOLLE, ALBERTINE
2006003073	LOCKE, SANDRA	04/20/2006	BEDFORD, NH	LOCKE, NORMAN	GREENLAW, FLORENCE

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2006003078	LAPORTE, EDMUND	04/21/2006	BEDFORD, NH	LAPORTE, ARCHIE	GAMACHE, YVONNE
2006003084	SNELL, CHARLES	04/21/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SNELL, CHARLES	CHMIELECKI, MARION
2006003150	POIRIER, MAURICE	04/23/2006	BEDFORD, NH	POIRIER, ALBERT	BOURBEAU, AURORE
2006003283	PRESCOTT JR, DONALD	04/27/2006	BEDFORD, NH	PRESCOTT SR, DONALD	PERRY, FAE
2006003276	AKOURY, DAVID	04/28/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	AKOURY, FADAA	AKOURY, HANNAH
2006003281	KELLERMANN, GEORGE	04/28/2006	BEDFORD, NH	KELLERMANN, GEORGE	WILINSKI, JOSEPHINE
2006003268	BELSKY, WARREN	04/29/2006	PORTSMOUTH, NH	BELSKY, RUDOLPH	BERNHARD, LILLIAN
2006003314	YOUSOUFIAN, ELEANOR	04/29/2006	BEDFORD, NH	DURMER, THORSTEIN	MADSEN, MARTHA
2006003410	NEUMAN, BARBARA	05/02/2006	CONCORD, NH	DAVIS, ISIAH	UNKNOWN, EDITH
2006003279	CLOUTIER, DOROTHY	05/03/2006	BEDFORD, NH	MARION, ALFRED	DION, LEDA
2006003491	BERNIER, JEANNETTE	05/07/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BOIS, THOMAS	WURTELE, HENRIETTE
2006003561	LACROIX DOYON, RACHEL	05/09/2006	BEDFORD, NH	VEILLEUX, JOSEPH	SEVIGNY, MARIA
2006003613	HALLGREN, BARBARA	05/10/2006	BEDFORD, NH	ALBEE, OTIS	IRVINE, ISABELLE
2006003628	GALARNEAU, ROLAND	05/10/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	GALARNEAU, LAURENT	HARNOIS, CLAIRE
2006003716	BROWN, JOAN	05/15/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	GAGNON, THEODORE	HARRINGTON, ELIZABETH
2006003731	GLENNON, JEANNE	05/15/2006	BEDFORD, NH	DARGIE, JOSEPH	ST LAURENT, CORA
2006003815	NAIRN, BEATRICE	05/18/2006	BEDFORD, NH	THOMSON, RAYMOND	CARTER, MILDRED
2006003853	SINETTE, NORMAND	05/19/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SINETTE, JEAN	FORENT, EVA

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2006004063	SENAY, GILBERT	05/24/2006	BEDFORD, NH	SENAY, WILFRED	DELAGE, ROSANNA
2006004121	DONAHUE, LOUISE	05/28/2006	BEDFORD, NH	WALLACE, MILES	WIGGIN, HARRIET
2006004066	BLAIS, MAURICE	05/29/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BLAIS, OSCAR	BOUCHARD, DESNEIGES
2006004136	SEEVERS, HAROLD	05/31/2006	BEDFORD, NH	SEEVERS, GEORGE	NELSON, DOLLY
2006004163	LEFORT, HAZEL	05/31/2006	BEDFORD, NH	PARKER, ARTHUR	RIVERS, JULIA
2006004284	STINSON, ROBERT	06/02/2006	MERRIMACK, NH	STIMSON, HASCALL	CARR, EDNA
2006004278	CHALAS, PANIOTA	06/04/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	CHALAS, VASILIOS	ARGERAPPOULOS, EUGENIA
2006004304	FOX, CHRISTINA	06/06/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	CLARK, MAURICE	ANDERSON, SELMA
2006004374	ALLARD, RACHEL	06/09/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	DION, JOSEPH	DELISLE, ANGELINE
2006004530	BERNETICH, GUERRINO	06/16/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	BERNETICH, LIBERO	UNKNOWN, JOANNE
2006004677	FARR, CLARENCE	06/16/2006	BEDFORD, NH	FARR, WINFIELD	AMIDON, EDNA
2006004591	WILLIAMS, IRENE	06/19/2006	BEDFORD, NH	WRIGHT, ORVILLE	DAVIS, GRACE
2006004668	FLECCHIA, EDWARD	06/21/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	FLECCHIA, JOHN	ROSSETTI, DOMENICA
2006004755	CHAFFE, MARION	06/24/2006	BEDFORD, NH	DONAGHEY, THOMAS	FOLEY, KATHRYN
2006004625	PINKHAM, ISABEL	06/24/2006	CONCORD, NH	TROTT, EPHRAIM	MOORE, MARY
2006004661	BAHARA JR, JOSEPH	06/30/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BAHARA, JOSEPH	PLASTERS, BERNICE
2006004684	LAFRAMBOISE, LAURA	06/30/2006	BEDFORD, NH	CYR, ADELARD	GOULET, VALEDA
2006004697	CLOUTIER, ROBERT	07/02/2006	BEDFORD, NH	CLOUTIER, LEON	POULIOT, ZELIA

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2006004965	ELDRIDGE, MARGUERITA	07/02/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	DALTON, JOSEPH	DALEY, EMMA
2006005004	JOHNSON, ANN	07/04/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BEEHLER, ALFRED	HENDERSON, EDITH
2006005069	AUGER, MAURICE	07/05/2006	PETERBOROUGH, NH	AUGER, NEREE	ST PIERRE, ALICE
2006005153	MARGOLIS, FLORENCE	07/10/2006	BEDFORD, NH	TOCHTERMAN, MAX	ADLER, MOLLIE
2006005173	BORELLI, RONALD	07/10/2006	LEBANON, NH	BORELLI, ALPHONSE	FERRARO, MARIE
2006005194	CATE, BARBARA	07/11/2006	BEDFORD, NH	HERRON, ARTHUR	RUSSELL, LAURA
2006005308	BOUCHER, BLANCHE	07/15/2006	BEDFORD, NH	LEVESQUE, PIERRE	HEROUX, MARIE
2006005431	MCQUIN, HELEN	07/19/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	VINCENT, ALPHONSE	HAMEL, BELLA
2006005444	POLONSKY, RUTH	07/19/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	BRIAN, SAM	COHEN, BEATRICE
2006005507	BACIGALUPO, LILLIAN	07/22/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BACIGALUPO, LOUIS	RATTI, SICILIA
2006005567	SPREAD, PATRICIA	07/22/2006	BEDFORD, NH	WELCH, FRANK	LAFOND, FLORIDA
2006005588	DELL'ORFANO, ROSE	07/24/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MORANO, ROCCO	BADOLATO, CATERINA
2006005584	NOEL, ANTOINETTE	07/25/2006	BEDFORD, NH	GORMAN, GEORGE	CARDIN, EMMA
2006005599	DEROME, LUCILLE	07/27/2006	BEDFORD, NH	HOULE, WILLIAM	MORIN, ZELIRE
2006005605	TAYLOR, BARBARA	07/27/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BRUNING, ROBERT	TANNIE, MARY
2006005684	ARMSTRONG, HELEN	07/30/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	JURKEVICIUS, BEN	MASYS, ANNA
2006005783	HEIN, RICHARD	07/31/2006	BEDFORD, NH	HEIN, WILLARD	SORENSEN, PAULINE
2006005772	PROVOST, EDWARD	08/03/2006	BEDFORD, NH	PROVOST, ANSELM	GERARD, CARMELIA

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2006005811	RIVIEZZO, JEANNETTE	08/03/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	RICARD, OVILA	TREMBLAY, MARIE
2006005823	BELLEMARE, JACQUELINE	08/03/2006	BEDFORD, NH	POTVIN, OWER	BOUTHOT, IDA
2006005895	ARNTS, KAREN	08/08/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MESSIER SR, ROBERT	GOSSELIN, BLANCHE
2006006065	BERUBE, YOLANDA	08/14/2006	BEDFORD, NH	RICHARD, ARTHUR	OUELLETTE, ROSE
2006006128	MCINTIRE, ROSE	08/18/2006	BEDFORD, NH	STONE, OSCAR	DEMERITT, GLADYS
2006006312	NAULT, BLANCHE	08/24/2006	BEDFORD, NH	ROY, ERNEST	HOULE, ALBERTINE
2006006429	FRAZER, AUDREY	08/25/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	STONER, MAURICE	WORTHINGTON, EMMA
2006006434	COLLINS SR, WILLIAM	08/25/2006	BEDFORD, NH	COLLINS, HARRY	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
2006006373	GAGNON, ALFRED	08/27/2006	BEDFORD, NH	GAGNON, ALFRED	UNKNOWN, ALBERTINA
2006006408	DUVAL, JUNE	08/27/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BROW, JOSEPH	YOUNG, MARION
2006006522	PHIPPS, LINDA	08/29/2006	BEDFORD, NH	PHIPPS, ROBERT	SUNDEEN, RUBY
2006006512	LANQUETTE, FRANCIS	08/30/2006	MERRIMACK, NH	LANQUETTE, GASTON	REAU, JANE
2006006515	SOMERS, JANICE	08/30/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MURRAY, JOHN	ELMORE, AUCIE
2006006578	NEUMAN, HERMAN	08/31/2006	BEDFORD, NH	NEUMAN, KARL	GANSLER, ANNA
2006006547	CARON, PATRICIA	09/01/2006	BEDFORD, NH	PALLYS, PETER	RIDDICK, ANNE
2006006639	MORAN III, JOHN	09/01/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MORAN JR, JOHN	DOLLOFF, BARBARA
2006006674	HENNESSEY, DOROTHY	09/03/2006	BEDFORD, NH	HENNESSEY, THOMAS	STAHL, ANNIE
2006006720	VACHON, ROBERT	09/06/2006	GOFFSTOWN, NH	VACHON, ARTHUR	FOLEY, JANET

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2006006746	SAMMIS III, ARNOLD	09/08/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	SAMMIS JR, ARNOLD	MULREADY, HELEN
2006006895	JOSEPH, SUE	09/09/2006	MERRIMACK, NH	STODDARD, WILLARD	PETT, MARY
2006006795	BEAUDRY, ELPEGE	09/11/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BEAUDRY, ALPHONSE	BERGERON, ALICE
2006006859	MCCARTHY, GRACE	09/11/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MOORE, JOHN	BISHOP, EVELYN
2006006977	BERNIER, CARL	09/15/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BERNIER, JOSEPH	FERFUSEN, GERTRUDE
2006007032	SERRETI, FRANCIS	09/19/2006	BEDFORD, NH	SERRETI, CARMELO	NARDO, CONSTANCE
2006007137	OSBORN, CORINNE	09/22/2006	BEDFORD, NH	HULL, WESLEY	CAUTHRAN, GEORGIA
2006007113	MAGEE, HENRY	09/23/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MAGEE, HENRY	WOOD, MARION
2006007199	FRIBERG, LILLIAN	09/23/2006	BEDFORD, NH	LAKE, WILLIAM	GALLEY, ETHEL
2006007163	COHEN, ROSE	09/24/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BLENDER, MAX	ROLE, EVA
2006007218	PONDSCIO, LOUISE	09/25/2006	BEDFORD, NH	MISIA, CANDIDO	GIORDANO, LOUISA
2006007288	MOZEK, PHYLLIS	09/28/2006	BEDFORD, NH	DULAK, ALBERT	STEFANSKA, MARY
2006007307	BOUCHARD, ARTHUR	09/28/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	BOUCHARD, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
2006007424	BEAUDET, LENA	10/03/2006	MERRIMACK, NH	BEAUDET, WILFRID	RAYMOND, LENA
2006007520	RILEY, CECILIA	10/06/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	CLARKE, FRANCIS	CLARK, BRIGIT
2006007531	PERKINS, EDWIN	10/08/2006	BEDFORD, NH	PERKINS, HARRY	TILLEY, LETTIE
2006007554	GOODWIN, PATRICIA	10/09/2006	BEDFORD, NH	PROVENCHER, CHARLES	BOYNTON, HELEN
2006007619	MCKEE III, DAVIS	10/09/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	MC KEE JR, DAVIS	FERRAS, FRANCES

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2006007574	THERBERGE, LOMER	10/10/2006	GOFFSTOWN, NH	THERBERGE, NAPOLEON	THERBERGE, ELIZABETH
2006007667	LESMERISES, ROGER	10/11/2006	BEDFORD, NH	LESMERISES, OSCAR	GAUDREAU, YVONNE
2006007685	THOMPSON, RALPH	10/14/2006	BEDFORD, NH	THOMPSON, RALPH	SOUTHMAID, FLORENCE
2006007722	CLARK, WILLIAM	10/14/2006	BEDFORD, NH	CLARK, RICHARD	THIBODEAU, CORA
2006007755	HILL, CATHERINE	10/16/2006	BEDFORD, NH	COLEMAN, EDWARD	MAHONEY, CATHERINE
2006007786	ROZMIUS, GENEVIEVE	10/17/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	JEGLENSKI, STANLEY	ZUTOWT, HELEN
2006007807	POIRE, DENNIS	10/17/2006	BEDFORD, NH	POIRE, RONALD	SKILLING, MURIEL
2006007797	STEVENER, MARY	10/18/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	DE ANGELUS, PASQUALE	MAROLA, ROSE
2006007804	AVEDISIAN, ANNIE	10/19/2006	BEDFORD, NH	KACHAGIAN, JOHN	MINESERIAN, ANTRIM
2006007859	KENNEDY, PHILLIP	10/19/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	KENNEDY, MARTIN	O'FLANAGAN, THERESA
2006007872	BLAY, JOSEPHINE	10/19/2006	BEDFORD, NH	FARRINGTON, SIDNEY	PIFIELD, CHLOE
2006007857	KISTULENTZ, IRENE	10/20/2006	BEDFORD, NH	COLLETTE, NAPOLEON	GRENIER, MARY
2006007871	ANDERSON, BERNICE	10/20/2006	BEDFORD, NH	CORSON, ERNEST	MOGINNIS, MARGARET
2006007900	ANGOFF, MARION	10/21/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	ANGOFF, NATHAN	KANTER, EVELYN
2006007975	LABRIE, CONRAD	10/23/2006	CONCORD, NH	LABRIE, OMER	MELANSON, VICTORIA
2006008023	TON JR, JOHN	10/26/2006	BEDFORD, NH	TON SR, JOHN	VLAS, MAUDE
2006008063	PATRYN ALEXANDER	10/26/2006	BEDFORD, NH	PATRYN, PETER	NIJANKOWICZ, STEFANIA
2006008072	HSU, CHANG-FA	10/26/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	HSU, CHAO-TONG	TON, FEI-JUNG

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2006006566	POTOCZNY, BERTHA	10/27/2006	BEDFORD, NH	VANHORN, WALTER	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
2006008175	GULZAR, MOHAMMED	10/30/2006	NASHUA, NH	HUSSAIN, AHMAD	BEGUM, SAKINA
2006006230	RUDOFISKY, SADIE	11/04/2006	BEDFORD, NH	RUDOFISKY, LOUIS	KATZ, ANNE
2006006320	FENNEL, SANDRA	11/05/2006	SALEM, NH	MCLEAN, DANIEL	CARD, BARBARA
2006006425	CORSETTI, RONALD	11/05/2006	BEDFORD, NH	CORSETTI, GAETANO	TRANFAGLIA, JOSEPHINE
2006006391	SOUTER, ROBERT	11/06/2006	BEDFORD, NH	SOUTER, CLYDE	DAYER, GENEVIEVE
2006006429	RENAUD, MAURICE	11/06/2006	BEDFORD, NH	RENAUD, EDOUARD	OUELLET, JEANNETTE
2006006456	FISH, JOSEPH	11/10/2006	BEDFORD, NH	FISH, SAMUEL	MUNDHIK, REBECCA
2006006568	LAVOIE, YVONNE	11/10/2006	BEDFORD, NH	LETOURNEAU, ALFRED	DUBOIS, ANNA MARIE
2006006913	BARRY, ELSIE	11/12/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BROWN, FRANK	JOHNSON, SADIE
2006006953	ST ONGE, IRENE	11/12/2006	BEDFORD, NH	GREGOIRE, GEORGE	RACETTE, CORA
2006006920	HASENBEIN, WAYNE	11/15/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	HASENBEIN, FRANK	TINGLE, DOROTHY
2006006937	DELISLE, FANNY	11/15/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	NEWCOMBE, HOWARD	MACLEAN, CLARA
2006006948	GILLINGHAM, MAURICE	11/15/2006	MERRIMACK, NH	GILLINGHAM, WILLIAM	LOWMAN, HELEN
20060069705	FLOCCO, JENNIE	11/18/2006	BEDFORD, NH	BRUNO, ANGELO	GRILLO, ANGELINA
2006006953	CHURCHILL, VIRGINIA	11/20/2006	BEDFORD, NH	DAVIS, ORRIN	JOHNSON, ELSIE
20060069760	BLAIS, RACHEL	11/21/2006	MANCHESTER, NH	VINCENT, EMILE	MOREAU, AURORE
2006006951	PAUHET, ANGELINA	11/24/2006	BEDFORD, NH	SOUZA, ANTONIO	BOTELHO, FRANCES

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2006009009	GOODNIGHT, D GARY	11/30/2006	BEDFORD, NH	GOODNIGHT, FRED	GELINEAU, THERESA
2006009133	CHAMPAGNE, SOPHIE	12/06/2006	BEDFORD, NH	KULGA, FRANCIS	RYMPALA, CAROLINE
2006009165	RILEY, PAUL	12/07/2006	BEDFORD, NH	RILEY, THOMAS	RAFFERTY, MARGARET
2006009207	GAMACHE, VICTOR	12/09/2006	BEDFORD, NH	GAMACHE, WILBERT	CARTER, DIANNA
2006009302	NORTHBRIDGE, DONNA	12/10/2006	CONCORD, NH	CHAKICH, MARKO	FURLICH, MARGARET
2006009327	ALLEN, EDITH	12/12/2006	BEDFORD, NH	LENARD, FRANCIS	GUY, SARAH
2006009543	BRUSOE, BERTHA	12/17/2006	BEDFORD, NH	HUGGINS, SAMUEL	COTE, CLAUDIA
2006009669	QUINTIN, FLORENCE	12/20/2006	BEDFORD, NH	ST PIERRE, ALBERT	PERREAULT, FABRIENNE
2006009651	UPTON, JAMES	12/23/2006	BEDFORD, NH	UPTON, JOSEPH	NEILL, ADELIA
2006009689	NYBERG, BEATRICE	12/24/2006	BEDFORD, NH	DREW WILBUR	MAGNALLY, RACHEL
2006009636	BOISSELLE, GAIL	12/29/2006	BEDFORD, NH	DINSMORE, ROY	SAVOIE, ULLIAN
2006009656	TOSI, STELLA	12/30/2006	BEDFORD, NH	TOSI, ORESTE	BIGGI, CESSARINA
2006009659	RYAN, MABEL	12/31/2006	KEEHE, NH	BLANCHARD, RALPH	JEFFS, INEZ
2006009663	TUTTLE JR, WILLIAM	12/31/2006	BEDFORD, NH	TUTTLE SR, WILLIAM	MADDOX, GRACE

Total number of records 194

Town of Bedford



2007 Municipal Warrant and Budget Summary



2007 MUNICIPAL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at McKelvie School on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles 1 and 2. Polls are to close no later than 7:00 p.m. Action on Article 3 will be held at the Budgetary Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the McKelvie School (108 Liberty Hill Road).

Article 1. Election of Town Officers

To elect 2 Town Councilors for three-year terms, 1 Town Councilor for a two-year term, 1 Library Trustee for a three-year term, 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three-year term and 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for a two-year term.

Article 2. To see how the Town will vote on

ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Article 45-5 WETLANDS CONSERVATION ORDINANCE, as follows:

Amend Section 45-5-2 by deleting the term "certified soils scientist" and replacing it with the term "New Hampshire certified wetlands scientist".

Amend Section 45-5-6 (a) through (f) by deleting the term "certified soils scientist" and replacing it with the term "New Hampshire certified wetlands scientist". Also delete the terms "High Intensity Soils Map or HISS Map" and replace it with the term "jurisdictional wetlands delineation map".

[This is a housekeeping amendment that is intended to reflect changes in the Administrative Rules of the NH Dept. of Environmental Services.]

Amendment No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Article 45-9 ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE ZONE, Section 45-9-14 MINIMUM LIGHTING STANDARDS, subsection (c) (1) and Figure 45.23 by deleting the words with a strike through and inserting the words in bold italics as follows:

(1) In order to minimize glare and other adverse effects associated with exterior lighting, all exterior lighting fixtures shall be of a design that provides for ~~luminaire cutoffs with a total cutoff at an angle of seventy-five degrees (75°) from the vertical—~~ **full cutoff luminaires. A full cutoff luminaire shall mean a luminaire light distribution where zero candela intensity occurs at or above an angle of ninety degrees (90°) above nadir and the candela per 1000 lamp lumens does not numerically exceed 100 (10%) at an angle eighty degrees (80°) above nadir. This applies to all lateral angles around the luminaire.**

[This is a housekeeping amendment that is intended to bring Bedford's requirement for outdoor light fixtures into conformance with current standards of the IESNA Lighting Handbook.]

Amendment No. 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Article 45-12 FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE as follows:

Amend Section 45-12-2 DEFINITIONS, by adding or modifying the definitions for *New Construction*, *Violation*, *Area of Special Flood Hazard*, *Development*, *Flood Insurance Study*, and *Regulatory Floodway*. Delete the definitions for *Area of Shallow Flooding*, *Breakaway Wall*, *Flood Boundary* and *Floodway Map*.

Amend Sections 45-12-4, 45-12-5, and 45-12-6 by deleting all references to **Flood Zones**

A1-A30, AO, and AH because these zones are not applicable to Bedford, and replacing the term "Wetlands Board" with "Wetlands Bureau".



Amend Section 45-12-5(c) by inserting the following bold italicized words:

Along watercourses with a designated Regulatory Floodway, no encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development are allowed within the floodway *unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practices that the proposed encroachment would not* result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the base flood discharge.

[This is a housekeeping amendment that is intended to bring Bedford's Floodplain Development Ordinance into conformance with new nationwide FEMA standards for local flood ordinances.]

Amendment No. 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Appendix 45-A TABLE OF USES as follows:

Amend Retail Sales Establishments, Neighborhood Commercial Zone, footnote (7) by adding the words in bold italics as follows:

(7) Limited to the selling of groceries, meats, produce, drugs, stationary, hardware, baked goods (outlet only), *floral arrangements*, and household appliances.

[This amendment is intended to allow retail florists in the Neighborhood Commercial zone.]

Amendment No. 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Appendix 45-A TABLE OF USES as follows:

Delete the Use Category "Public/Private Recreation and Open Space" from the Table of Uses.

Add "Commercial Recreation Facility" as a "P" permitted use in the Civic & Institutional zoning district.

[This amendment is intended to eliminate duplicative recreation categories while still preserving permitted recreation uses in all the zoning districts where such uses are currently allowed. Deletion of this category will remove any possible interpretation that "open space" is or could be prohibited in any zoning districts.]

ZONING AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY CITIZEN PETITION:

Amendment No. 6

ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF BEDFORD ZONING ORDINANCE PROPOSED BY CITIZENS PETITION, as follows:

"To amend Article 45-3 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS, Section 45-3-2, Location of Districts, as follows: To amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire by Rezoning Tax Map #1, Lot #19 from the Service Industrial Zone (SI) to the General Residential Zone (GR). Said Tax Map #1, Lot #19 is a four-sided irregularly-shaped parcel of land consisting of 20.00 acres, with existing building thereon with street address of 54 Rundlett Hill Road, Bedford, New Hampshire, and with its entire frontage running in a southwesterly direction along the western line of Rundlett Hill Road. The property is currently bordered on three sides by residential zoning. The owners of record are Steven, Alan, and Gary Chartrand (trustees). The building on the property is a 1,572 square foot ranch style house."

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE PASSAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT.

Amendment No. 7

ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF BEDFORD ZONING ORDINANCE PROPOSED BY CITIZENS PETITION, as follows:

To amend Article 45-5, titled WETLANDS CONSERVATION ORDINANCE, sections as indicated below:

1. Section 45-5-1, PURPOSE:



Add sub item (i): “To recognize the unequal and unique burden of wetland property owners and minimize restrictions which may be placed upon such properties.”

2. Section 45-5-3, Applicability:

MODIFY sub item (a) as follows: “All applications for a building permit, subdivision, or site plan approval shall be subject to the provisions of this Article and Section 45-14-4(b): Variances, except that notwithstanding Section 45-1-4(a) of the Zoning Ordinance, amendments to any setbacks or buffer areas in excess of the 03/11/97 fifty foot (50') set back specified in this Ordinance shall not apply to developed properties or to those properties currently under construction or which have received all appropriate building permits as of the effective date of the amendment, or to the reconstruction, alteration, enlargement or relocation of buildings thereon, or the addition of accessory structures thereto. Any subsequent (after the effective date of the amendment) subdivision of exempted properties shall comply with the more recent amendment(s).”

3. Section 45-5-5, Specific Provisions:

Add sub item (e): “Any set back or buffer established in excess of the 45-5-5(a) requirement of fifty feet (50') shall exempt those properties as specified in 45-5-3(a), APPLICABILITY, as modified.”

4. Section 45-5-6, Procedural Requirements:

Add sub item (g): “The Town shall make reasonable effort to identify and notify by mail the owners of all properties that would be affected directly by a proposed set back or buffer amendment to the Wetlands Conservation Ordinance. Notification will be made as soon as possible after initiation of work on proposed ordinance changes.”

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE
PASSAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT.**

Amendment No. 8

ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF BEDFORD ZONING ORDINANCE AS PROPOSED BY CITIZENS PETITION, as follows:

1) Are you in favor of the adoption this Amendment as proposed by petition of the voters of the Town of Bedford, to amend the Town of Bedford's Zoning Ordinance to allow Congregate Care Housing Facilities as follows:

By amending Article 45-4 Use and Dimensional Regulations, Section 45-4-2 (b) Uses Permitted by Right With Conditions Imposed, by adding the following: *Congregate Care Housing Facilities shall be allowed in the U.S. Route 3 Performance Zoning Districted provided the following conditions are met: Facility must be served by municipal water and sewer, units may have no more than two bedrooms, and shall comply with all regulations of the performance zone except parking. Parking requirements for congregate care housing shall be not less than .5 parking spaces per unit and 1 per employee on the largest shift.*

By amending Article 45-9 U.S. Route 3 Corridor Performance Zoning District, Section 45-9-5 Definitions by adding the following: *Congregate Care Housing Facility – A shared one to two bedroom living environment reserved for those who are 62 years of age or older, designed to integrate the housing and service needs of elders to increase self-sufficiency through the provisions of supportive services for there [sic] daily living activities in a residential setting. Minimum services to be provided include: facility based transportation, on site meals served in a common dining room a minimum of two times a day, house keeping services to all residents, daily planned social and recreational activities and 24 hour on site management.*

By amending Article 45-9, U.S. Route 3 Corridor Performance Zoning District by amending Section 45-9-6 Permitted Uses by adding *Congregate Care Housing Facility* as a Permitted Use.

By amending Appendix 45-A Table of Uses, subsection Public/Institutional, by adding the following use: *“Congregate Care Housing Facility”* and noting a “P” in the “Performance Standards (PZ) column.

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE
PASSAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT.**



TOWN ARTICLE 3 WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE BUDGETARY TOWN MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2007 AT THE MCKELVIE SCHOOL (108 Liberty Hill Road).

Article 3. - Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$20,525,412
Police Special Detail	454,374
Recreation Day Camp	140,191
Bedford Comm. TV	299,913
Special Revenue Funds	57,500
Sewer Fund	1,525,361
 Total Appropriation	 \$23,002,751

The Town Council approved this warrant on February 15, 2007.

Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of February 2007.

William Van Anglen, Vice Chairman
Lori Radke, Vice Chairman

2007 Town Council
Proposed Municipal Budget Summary

There is an estimated tax increase in the Town portion of property taxes of \$0.80 to support the 2007 budget. The estimated Town portion of the tax rate is \$3.65 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Highlighted below are the projects and/or equipment included within departmental budgets that will continue to allow for the quality service that the residents of Bedford have come to expect. Additional costs in the budget are funded through cost savings elsewhere and new revenues.

- The Town Council budget includes \$1,000,000 for the acquisition of land, if a parcel becomes available during the year. This amount is totally offset by revenue. The debt service payments for Joppa Hill have been fully

funded, therefore there is no appropriation in the 2007 budget.

- The Election and Registration overall budget decrease is due to a reduction in the number of elections in 2007. However, this budget includes \$8,070 for the purchase of 80 new voting booths as well as \$3,000 for potential startup costs associated with moving the elections to the new high school/middle school if needed in 2007.
- The Finance and Personnel budget includes \$10,000 to be deposited into the Financial Software Capital Reserve account.
- The Information Technology budget includes funding for the replacement of various computers and equipment as recommended by the Information Technology Master Plan accepted by the Town Council. This budget also includes \$19,000 to be deposited into Capital Reserve accounts.
- The Assessing budget includes a \$15,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the 2008 valuation update.
- The Planning Department budget includes \$25,000 benefit payout for the retirement of the planning director and \$30,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the town wide master plan.
- The Safety Complex budget includes \$41,500 to begin replacement of the 10 heating units which are beyond their life expectancy. This amount is offset by a Capital Reserve withdrawal of \$22,500.
- The Fund Balance Reserve budget was established in 2005 to address the long-term financial stability of the town and funding continues in 2007 with an appropriation of \$278,749.
- The Police Administration budget includes merit wage increases for all department personnel and \$30,000 for anticipated police grants. The grants are offset completely by revenue.
- The Police Communications budget includes \$84,305 to fund 2 new positions, a Dispatcher and a Lieutenant for 6 months. These positions will require full year funding in future budgets. This budget also includes an \$18,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the future replacement of the dispatch radio console.



- The Police Patrol budget includes \$76,902 to fund 2 new patrol officer positions for 6 months, one of which will serve as the School Resource Officer for the School District. This SRO position is partially funded by the School budget in the amount of \$28,838. These positions will require full year funding in future budgets. This budget also includes a \$9,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the replacement of portable radios.
- The Fire Administration budget includes merit wage increases for all department personnel and \$125,000 for anticipated fire grants. Revenues offset this budget item.
- The Fire Operations budget includes a full year of funding for the 5 new positions added at the 2006 Budgetary Town Meeting. Also included are three additional firefighter positions for 6 months, which is partially funded by the receipt of a 5-year SAFER grant. These new positions are recommended by the fire master plan study. The Fire Operations budget also includes \$205,000 for deposits to various Capital Reserve accounts for the future replacement of capital equipment and vehicles.
- The Public Works Administration budget includes merit wage increases for all department personnel.
- The Public Works Local Road Maintenance budget includes \$2,665,450 for the principal and interest payments of the two existing road bonds and \$1,000,000 for local road maintenance. Public Works will also spend approximately \$4 million of the 2005 Road Bond during 2007.
- The Public Works Highway budget includes \$115,000 for the replacement of a compressor and mower, which are offset by capital reserves in the amount of \$100,500. The budget also includes \$291,000 for the purchase of two dump trucks and a loader/backhoe, \$131,000 of which is offset by revenue. There is an additional \$225,000 budgeted to be deposited into various Capital Reserve accounts.
- The Transfer Station budget includes \$158,240 for the landfill bond payment.
- The Recreation Field budget includes \$52,000 for the Center Park, \$100,000 for the replacement of Timber Town which is offset by anticipated donations and a capital reserve withdrawal, all totaling \$61,200. Also

included in this budget is \$50,000 to repair Selvoski field, and \$12,000 to replace a mower.

- The Library budget includes merit wage increases for all department personnel, funding to a Capital Reserve for building repairs in the amount of \$34,700 and \$165,288 for the Library bond payment.
- The Conservation Commission budget includes \$329,228 towards the purchase of conservation land if any becomes available. This amount is offset by revenue.

Breakdown of Town Council Budget Increase of \$0.80

2005 Road Bond Debt Service	\$0.55	19.3%
Fire Staffing from 2006	\$0.04	1.4%
Police Staffing per MRI Study	\$0.04	1.4%
Fire Staffing (SAFER grant)	\$0.02	0.7%
Veterans Tax Credit Increase	\$0.11	3.9%
General Operating Increase	\$0.04	1.4%
Total Increase	\$0.80	28.1%

Town of Bedford
2007 Proposed Tax Rate Increase
\$0.80 over 2006 rate





Town of Bedford, New Hampshire
2007 Municipal Budget

ALL GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS

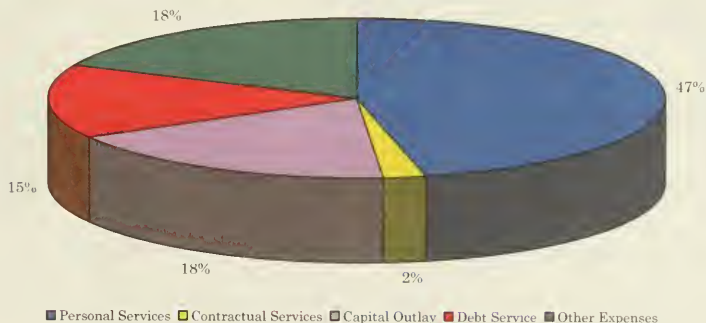
Appropriations by Function

Description	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Council Recommended	Dollar Change	% Change
General Fund					
Town Manager	444,405	468,656	437,716	(30,940)	-6.60%
Town Clerk	96,854	136,362	106,799	(29,563)	-21.68%
Finance	2,173,953	2,333,982	2,422,116	88,134	3.78%
Information Systems	246,724	242,076	291,526	49,450	20.43%
Assessing	119,697	137,819	153,727	15,908	11.54%
Planning & Zoning	287,932	322,745	344,934	22,189	6.88%
Police	2,874,122	3,074,202	3,323,952	249,750	8.12%
Fire	2,078,825	2,368,056	2,748,891	380,835	16.08%
Public Works	5,756,992	6,024,517	7,605,842	1,581,325	26.25%
Recreation	642,831	641,614	758,013	116,399	18.14%
Library	860,028	931,986	983,252	51,266	5.50%
Other General Government	386,018	1,510,695	1,348,644	(162,051)	-10.73%
Total for Division	\$ 15,968,380	\$ 18,192,710	\$ 20,525,412	\$ 2,332,702	12.82%

Appropriations by Budget Category

Description	Prior Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Council Proposed	Dollar Change	% Change
Personal Services	8,127,919	8,781,552	9,524,319	742,767	8.46%
Contractual Services	619,513	570,603	434,364	(136,239)	-23.88%
Capital Outlay	1,853,928	3,479,358	3,699,187	219,829	6.32%
Debt Service	1,792,968	1,763,514	3,126,159	1,362,645	77.27%
Other Expenses	3,574,052	3,597,683	3,741,383	143,700	3.99%
Total Department - All GF	\$ 15,968,380	\$ 18,192,710	\$ 20,525,412	\$ 2,332,702	12.82%

2007 Expenditures by Budget Category
All General Fund Departments





2007 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

DEPARTMENT	2006 WORKING BUDGET	2006 EXPENDED YTD 12/31/06	2007 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2007 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
TOWN COUNCIL	1,034,937	309,952	622,578	1,017,578
TOWN MANAGER	229,156	222,025	252,427	222,716
ELECTIONS AND REGIST.	53,797	58,405	16,209	25,689
TAX COLLECTOR	127,190	125,939	129,273	129,273
TOWN CLERK	82,565	79,159	81,110	81,110
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	295,443	292,332	304,222	304,872
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	242,076	238,017	291,526	291,526
ASSESSING	137,819	141,735	153,457	153,727
LEGAL EXPENSE	65,000	45,221	60,000	65,000
PLANNING BOARD	28,703	27,424	26,019	26,019
ZONING BOARD	6,641	4,521	5,881	5,881
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMM.	1,462	1,327	1,462	1,462
PLANNING	285,939	286,993	312,847	311,572
TOWN HALL	54,000	67,855	19,250	19,250
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	185,350	188,216	196,655	210,918
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	258,306	280,908	317,178	292,178
CEMETERIES	36,200	32,954	38,102	37,450
INSURANCE	1,533,000	1,421,436	1,694,622	1,609,622
NH MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	16,000	15,864	16,500	16,500
SOUTHERN NH PLANNING	12,900	12,899	13,200	13,200
MANCHESTER TRANSIT AUTH.	40,800	40,800	40,500	40,500
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	4,800	3,796	4,800	4,800
FUND BALANCE RESERVE	353,749	353,749	353,749	278,749
UNALLOCATED RESERVE	100,000	153,666	100,000	100,000
POLICE				
Administration	360,906	361,271	413,612	421,418
Communications	362,643	365,800	459,014	459,141
Patrol	1,650,017	1,632,821	1,787,839	1,677,171
Detectives	410,549	350,805	326,547	438,715
Animal Control	31,781	30,341	35,329	35,329
Subtotal Police	2,815,896	2,741,039	3,022,341	3,031,774
FIRE				
Administration	200,284	193,829	329,393	333,018
Operations	1,841,414	1,829,921	2,029,971	2,013,371
Building Inspection	120,872	122,761	129,030	135,940
Health Department	20,486	17,924	26,562	26,562
Hydrant Rental	185,000	189,090	240,000	240,000
Subtotal Fire	2,368,056	2,353,525	2,754,956	2,748,891



2007 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

DEPARTMENT	2006 WORKING BUDGET	2006 EXPENDED YTD 12/31/06	2007 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2007 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	228,732	240,431	280,824	287,882
Local Road Maintenance	2,000,000	1,984,447	3,665,450	3,665,450
Highway	1,584,929	1,649,135	1,624,036	1,627,036
Winter Maintenance	489,081	363,089	504,951	504,951
Traffic Control	78,700	73,314	84,700	84,700
Solid Waste	1,457,725	1,528,866	1,224,905	1,224,905
Subtotal Public Works	6,839,167	6,839,281	7,384,866	7,394,924
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	15,000	7,561	15,000	15,000
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY	9,600	9,585	9,600	9,600
RECREATION				
Administration	95,705	47,825	81,636	83,086
Programs	83,990	84,696	91,501	91,501
Pool	87,553	68,683	88,732	88,732
Fields	316,166	324,026	414,369	471,369
Subtotal Recreation	583,414	525,230	676,238	734,688
LIBRARY	931,986	905,286	973,627	983,252
TOWN EVENTS	4,200	1,929	4,075	4,075
CONSERVATION COMM.	439,558	120,533	332,533	343,616
TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS	18,192,710	16,909,161	20,224,803	20,626,412
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
Police Special Detail	476,520	391,648	454,374	454,374
Recreation Day Camp	152,123	130,244	140,191	140,191
Bedford Community Television	213,000	200,764	293,169	299,913
Sewer Fund	2,549,999	2,271,884	1,580,361	1,525,361
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Other Special Revenue Funds	60,250	60,250	57,500	57,500
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	21,644,602	19,903,701	22,750,398	23,002,761

Debt Service Payments (*principal and interest*) are included in the above proposed budget in the following departments:

Public Safety Complex: \$137,181	Landfill Closure: \$158,240	
Road Resurfacing: \$2,665,450	Library: \$165,288	Total General Fund: \$3,126,159

Sewer Enterprise: \$183,938

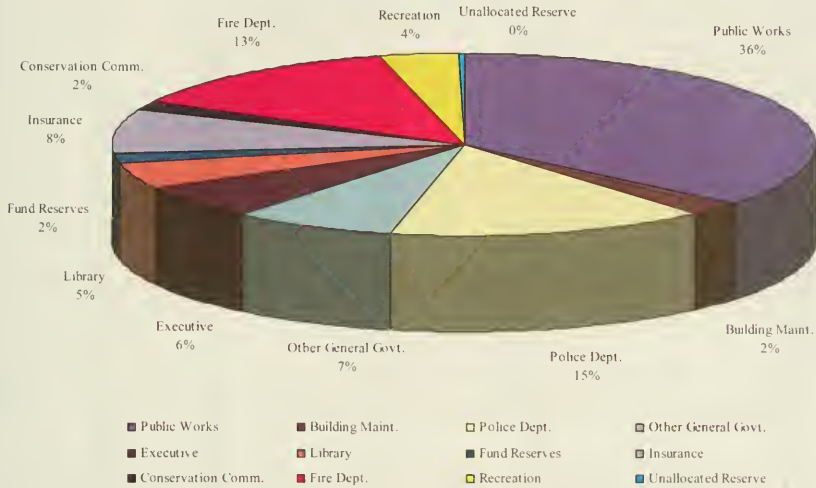


2007 PROPOSED REVENUES

DEPARTMENT	2006 APPROVED BUDGET	2006 REVENUES 12/31/06	2007 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2007 TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
TOWN COUNCIL	700,000	-	605,000	1,000,000
TOWN COUNCIL - JOPPA HILL	312,375	62,806	-	-
TOWN MANAGER	22,000	18,673	17,000	17,000
ELECTIONS AND REGIST.	100	-	100	100
TAX COLLECTOR	13,310,627	13,102,918	15,687,367	15,586,893
TOWN CLERK	39,500	37,835	40,500	40,500
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	1,185,315	1,392,676	1,237,090	1,237,090
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	-	-	6,000	6,000
PLANNING BOARD	50,000	45,000	50,000	45,000
ZONING BOARD	7,000	7,275	7,000	7,000
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMM.	500	500	500	500
PLANNING	1,500	566	1,000	1,000
TOWN HALL	4,000	3,260	3,500	3,500
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	135,264	116,217	137,990	137,990
CEMETERIES	12,000	10,300	10,000	10,000
POLICE				
Administration	125,400	95,241	112,350	112,350
Patrol	86,020	118,117	115,345	115,345
Subtotal Police	211,420	213,358	227,695	227,695
FIRE				
Administration	465,990	529,305	513,921	513,921
Operations	5,000	3,554	5,000	5,000
Building Inspection	250,500	207,086	219,500	219,500
Subtotal Fire	721,490	739,944	738,421	738,421
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	517,582	522,555	511,064	511,064
Highway	122,097	122,097	231,500	231,500
Transfer Station	250,244	273,329	188,548	188,548
Subtotal Public Works	889,923	917,982	931,112	931,112
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2,000	5,452	3,600	3,600
RECREATION				
Administration	27,750	31,039	65,000	65,000
Programs	56,000	40,662	56,000	56,000
Fields	12,875	16,685	11,200	11,200
Pool	54,500	54,287	59,500	59,500
Subtotal Recreation	151,125	142,672	191,700	191,700
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	436,571	118,000	329,228	340,311
TOTAL 2007 GENERAL FUND REVENUES	18,192,710	16,935,434	20,224,803	20,526,412
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
Police Special Detail	476,520	373,625	454,374	454,374
Recreation Day Camp	152,123	132,650	140,191	140,191
Bedford Community Television	213,000	229,926	293,169	299,913
Sewer Fund	2,549,999	1,506,430	1,525,361	1,525,361
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND				
Other Special Revenue Funds	60,250	60,250	57,500	57,500
TOTAL 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVENUES	21,644,602	19,178,066	22,695,398	23,002,761



2007 PROPOSED BUDGET BREAKDOWN



BEDFORD TAX VALUATIONS/RATES 1992 THROUGH PRESENT

YEAR	POPULATION	TAXABLE VALUATION	CHANGE IN VALUATION	TAX RATE per \$1000	TAX RATE BREAKDOWN			
					TOWN	COUNTY	SCHOOL	STATE ED
1992	12563	1,173,772,864	14,514,650	17.47	2.53	1.72	13.22	
1993	12563	1,195,310,400	21,537,536	17.85	2.53	1.86	13.46	
1994	12563	1,236,413,255	41,102,855	17.76	2.59	1.76	13.41	
1995	12563	1,281,763,269	45,350,014	17.76	2.59	1.90	13.27	
1996	12563	1,315,999,904	34,236,635	17.99	2.59	2.00	13.40	
1997	12563	1,387,656,824	71,656,920	18.56	2.59	1.87	14.10	
1998	12563	1,457,530,853	69,874,029	18.39	2.71	1.77	13.91	
1999	16500	1,545,320,034	87,789,181	17.25	2.71	1.72	6.81	6.01
2000	18274	1,643,252,340	97,932,306	18.30	2.71	1.76	8.18	5.65
2001	19205	1,721,025,413	77,773,073	19.11	2.71	1.78	8.46	6.16
2002	19205	1,792,937,256	71,911,843	19.56	3.23	1.79	8.67	5.87
2003	19205	1,846,056,597	53,119,341	20.34	3.29	1.71	9.47	5.87
2004	19205	2,929,901,304	1,083,844,707	15.74	2.50	1.10	9.33	2.81
2005	19205	3,002,978,758	73,077,454	15.44	2.71	1.10	8.94	2.69
2006	19205	3,085,197,931	82,219,173	16.34	2.85	1.08	9.92	2.49

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PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE By Department	Capital Reserve Bal. @ 12/31/06	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
I. GENERAL GOVERNMENT											
A. Records Retention		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
B. Town Office Building Reserve	29,863	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
C. TOB Facility Improvements	-		350,000	350,000	1,000,000						
Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(700,000)							
D. Land Purchase Reserve	626,108										
E. Accounting Software	54,144	10,000	10,000	80,000							
Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(74,144)							
F. Commercial Reassessments	10,317	15,000	40,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	50,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(25,317)					(40,000)			
G. Joppa Hill Bond Payments	-	277,610	268,410	259,210	249,780	240,005					
H. Large Volume Tape Backup	-	7,000	7,000	19,000							
Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(14,000)							
I. MS Open Licensing	-	7,000	7,000	7,000	26,250	7,000	7,000	7,000	26,250	7,000	7,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(21,000)				(21,000)		
J. Plotter/Printer/Copier	-	5,000	5,000	5,000							
Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(15,000)						
K. Planning Software	-		20,000	35,000							
Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(20,000)							
L. DM Server	6,190	6,400									
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(6,190)									
II. POLICE DEPARTMENT											
A. Radio Console Reserve	38,056	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	166,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal								(146,056)			
B. Safety Complex Bond	137,181	129,881	122,406	119,781	111,894	108,894	108,894	100,894	92,925	5,000	5,000
C. Safety Complex Reserve	17,975	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(22,500)									
D. Patrol Vehicle Replacement	72,900	75,816	78,849	82,003	85,283	88,694	9,000	92,242	95,931	99,769	103,759
Portable Radios	9,285	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	70,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal								(63,285)			
III. FIRE DEPARTMENT											
A. Ambulance Reserve	-	30,000	50,000	50,000	160,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	185,000	60,000	60,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(130,000)					(180,000)		
B. Fire Equipment Reserve	78,881	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(25,000)									
C. Fire Engine Replacement	100,183	75,000	75,000	75,000	100,000	125,000	125,000	375,000	150,000	685,000	50,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal								(321,000)		(500,000)	
D. Fire Substation	-	350,000	650,000								
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(350,000)								
E. New Quint Fire Engine	-	300,000	600,000								
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(300,000)								
F. Tanker Replacement	-	75,000	75,000	75,000	250,000						
Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(225,000)						
G. Ladder Truck Replacement	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											

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PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE By Department		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
IV. RECREATION											
A.	Parks Vehicles/Equipment	-	12,000	158,500	-	43,500	63,500	30,000	-	15,000	-
	Capital Reserve Deposit	32,000									
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(32,000)								
B.	Playground Replacement	11,900	100,000								
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(11,900)								
C.	Trail Design, Maintenance, Signage	-	25,000								
D.	Selvoski Field	-	50,000								
E.	Little League Complex	-		50,000	100,000						
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		25,000		(75,000)						
F.	Repairs to Sportsman Field	-	20,000								
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(20,000)								
G.	Parks Building	-	1,000,000								
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(500,000)								
H.	Field Development & Repairs	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
I.	Pool Building Maintenance	-	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
J.	Kubota Tractor Replacement	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	25,000				
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal						(20,000)				
K.	Jarobsen Mower Replacement	-	30,000	60,000							
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(30,000)							
L.	Bedford Center Park	-	52,000								
V. LIBRARY											
A.	Library GOB	-	165,288	157,581	145,150	141,700	133,031	129,150	125,125	116,119	
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	
B.	Road Replacement (2017)	621									
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal										
C.	Vinyl Siding (2010)	25,100	12,000	12,000	60,000						
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(60,000)						
D.	Interior Painting (2009)	7,600	3,700	15,000							
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(14,800)							
E.	Well Replacement (2009)	12,800	6,200	25,000							
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(24,800)							
F.	Parking Lot Repairs (2014)	6,800	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal										
G.	Septic System (2016)	3,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal										
H.	Carpet Replacement (2015)	9,900	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	48,000	
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal									(48,000)	
I.	Parking Lot Construction (2011)	-		20,000	20,000	75,000					
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(60,000)					
VI. LAND USE											
A.	Master Plan	73,989	30,000	130,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(103,989)							
B.	Route 3 Improvements	9,379	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal										
C.	Route 101 Improvements	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

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By Department		Capital Reserve Bal. @ 12/31/06									
VII. SOLID WASTE											
A.	Solid Waste Backhoe	10,291	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	85,000 (70,000)	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
B.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal										
B.	Landfill Closure Bond	-	156,240	149,280	144,800	140,320	135,840	131,360	126,880	122,400	117,920
C.	Transfer Station Improvements	42,500									
C.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal										
D.	Transfer Station Equipment	7,671									
VIII. PUBLIC WORKS											
A.	Road Maintenance/Drainage	-	1,044,800	1,087,000	1,110,000	1,135,000	1,161,000	1,187,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
	Add'l Road Maintenance firm Bonding	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
	Road Bond #1 Repayment (2003)	955,200	934,400	913,000	890,000	865,000	839,000	813,000			
	Road Bond #2 Repayment (2006)	1,770,250	1,626,000	1,581,000	1,536,000	1,488,000	1,440,000	1,392,000	1,344,000	1,296,000	1,248,000
B.	Drainage Improvements	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
C.	Traffic Signal Improvements	20,681	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
C.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal								(90,000)		
D.	Pickup Trucks	36,872	10,000	26,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	26,000	26,000	10,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(26,000)	(20,000)					(15,000)	(15,000)	
E.	One-Ton Trucks	61,899	25,000	25,000	110,000	25,000	55,000	50,000	55,000	110,000	20,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(90,000)		(25,000)		(30,000)	(65,000)	
F.	Six Wheel Dump Trucks	51,583	210,000	105,000	315,000	315,000	420,000	105,000	105,000	315,000	105,000
	Capital Reserve Deposit			200,000		100,000		100,000	100,000	(200,000)	100,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	(50,000)			(50,000)	(50,000)	(200,000)				
G.	Ten Wheel Dump Trucks	50,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	130,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(125,000)					
H.	All Purpose Tractor	22,254	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	82,633	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal							(81,436)			
I.	Front-end Loader	74,910	25,000	78,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	78,000	78,000	20,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(97,056)						(70,000)		
J.	Loader/Backhoe	85,542	81,000			81,000					81,000
	Capital Reserve Deposit		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	(81,000)				(60,000)					(60,000)
K.	Sweeper	87,295	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	116,600	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(112,295)					(100,000)			
L.	Roadside Mower/Tractor	58,927	70,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	(58,927)									
M.	Hydroseeder	-	8,000	16,995							
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(8,000)							
O.	Compressor	45,679	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	48,000	10,000	10,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal	(45,000)							(45,000)		
P.	Chipper	10,438	5,000	2,500	25,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(20,438)							
Q.	Mechanics Equipment	-	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000

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PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE By Department		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
VIII. PUBLIC WORKS											
R. Grader	Capital Reserve Bal. @ 12/31/06	60,000	60,000	220,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(161,501)							
S. Generator			30,000								
T. Sidewalk Reserve											
U. Building Addition											
TOTAL MUNICIPAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (total expenditures less capital reserve Withdrawals)		5,610,052	7,651,266	6,850,283	5,856,626	5,628,002	5,196,259	5,003,402	4,943,911	4,901,988	4,609,679
PROJECTED NET ASSESSED VALUATION (projected annual growth \$40m)		3,112,978,758	3,152,978,758	3,192,978,758	3,232,978,758	3,272,978,758	3,312,978,758	3,352,978,758	3,392,978,758	3,432,978,758	3,472,978,758
TAX RATE IMPACT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS (total capital expenditures / assessed valuation) * 1000		1.80	2.43	2.15	1.81	1.72	1.57	1.49	1.46	1.43	1.33

IX. ENTERPRISE FUNDS - Sewer and BCTV (does not affect general fund expenditures or the tax rate)		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A. Sewer System Improvements		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
B. Sewer Capacity Reserve		476,941	550,000								
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(532,268)								
C. 1992 Sewer Bonds		183,938	187,812	186,212	189,238	186,606	183,531				
D. School Cable Drops - BCTV		12,670	12,000								
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(12,670)								
E. HS Video Project - BCTV		-	50,000								

NOTES RED = Capital Reserve Deposit

BOLD = Projected Equipment/Project Cost



Bedford School District
Bedford, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT

(for the year ending June 30, 2006)

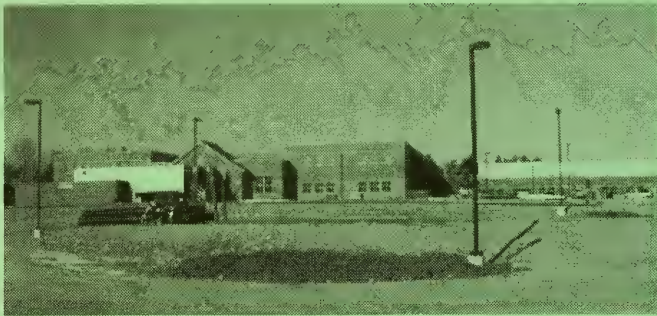
2007 ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

SESSION I (Deliberations)
Tuesday, February 6, 2007 - 7 p.m.

SESSION II (Ballot Vote)
Tuesday, March 13, 2007 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



(Bedford High School/Middle School – under construction 2006)



SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS
for the year ending June 30, 2006

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

Ryk Bullock 2007

Clerk

Kathleen VanAnglen 2007

Treasurer

Peter Herdklotz 2007

School Board

Cindy Chagnon, Chairperson 2009

Sue Thomas, Vice Chairperson 2008

David Sacks 2007

Steve Beals 2008

Terry Wolf 2009

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REPORT OF THE BEDFORD SCHOOL BOARD

The 2005-2006 school year was a year of new challenges, new excitement, and new directions for the Bedford School Board as the district broke ground for our new high school-middle school complex. Construction actually started in August but an official Groundbreaking Ceremony was held over a month later. It was a wonderful day for all of Bedford especially as Anna Van Loan, a longtime school board member from the past, shoveled along with the Town Council, the School Board, the administration, and representatives from every grade in the Bedford School District. The children represented our future and Anna represented all of those individuals who have served so dutifully on Bedford School Boards in the past and passed on the legacy of excellence in education that we build on today. Sadly she died a few months later but her son, Gene Van Loan, III, still serves as our longtime school board attorney and brings his wisdom to all of our deliberations.

Since the school construction started in August 2005, the building has been progressing rapidly, due in part to the very mild winter of 2005-2006. The excitement level has grown among all the school board members as we have viewed the construction progress; our long awaited high school dreams are finally being fulfilled for all of Bedford's children. With Eckman Construction and the Marinace Architectural Firm ably handling all of the building related matters, the school board turned its attention to planning the curriculum and other activities that would occur in this lovely new facility. George Edwards, the award-winning principal of Bow High School, was chosen as the first principal of the new Bedford High School, and Ed Joyce, the current assistant-principal of McKelvie Middle School, was chosen to be the principal of the new Ross A. Lurgio Middle School.

While Mr. Edwards and the Superintendent of Schools, Ann Remus, and the two Assistant Superintendents, Tim Mayes and Chip McGee, started to interview prospective candidates for the Planning Team for the new high school, the School Board established a High School Curriculum Research Committee that utilized both professional staff and community volunteers to do intensive research into all aspects of high school curriculum and school organization. Along with Assistant Superintendent McGee and school board members Cindy Chagnon, David Sacks, and later new member Terry Wolf, this committee was composed of the district's Curriculum Coordinators, Jo Hendry and Barbara Gondek, as well as community members Phil Bruno, Joan Buchanan, Pam Cohen, Diane Dwyer, Katherine Philbin, and Andy Violette. Pam Cohen very ably chaired this committee that was augmented by many other citizens of Bedford who did extensive hours of research as well as visitations to other schools in New Hampshire, New England, and other parts of the United States. The committee's report was presented to the school board and the newly instituted Bedford High School Planning Team in July. The town should be very proud of its citizens and the dedication, effort, and hard work that so many have shown to make sure that this school will be an exemplary one and continue the tradition of excellence that presently exists in our K-8 district.

Bedford has grown into a large school district as the town's growth has accelerated in the past years, but it is one that continues to try and look at children as individuals and not just numbers of desks needed for each classroom. We try and create "Caring Cultures" in each room and grade where students will feel safe to explore and learn and stretch their educational horizons. The "Responsive Classroom" techniques are utilized in most of the lower grades where children learn how to deal with differences and solve potential problems before they accelerate into major issues. McKelvie Middle School has instituted an extensive Anti-Bullying Program to help and alleviate the traumas that nationwide many middle school students seem to face and to help them feel safer and more secure in those trying adolescent years.

All of the Bedford School District in addition to the Bedford School Board, however, knows that education is our primary function, and many new and traditional assessment methods are utilized to make

sure that we have a realistic picture of how our students are achieving. The use of the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) computer-adaptive assessments in grades 3-8 has led to a greatly increased understanding of individual student's growth every year. This and other tests in addition to the incorporation of *Open Court* Reading and *Everyday Math* programs in the elementary grades has led to even more effective instruction in the critical areas of reading, language arts, and mathematics. The SEED (Skills Enriched Through Diversity) programs that exist at all of our elementary schools as well as McKelvie Middle School help to try and challenge our gifted learners to reach even higher and explore fascinating aspects of the world around them. The Special Services Department also tries to support our challenged learners and make sure they can achieve to their full potentials.

This year, like every year, has also brought changes. Ann Remus, our very able and beloved Superintendent, announced in January that she would be retiring in July. Ann has spent many years working with the Bedford schools in many capacities from a school board member to a teacher to an assistant principal to an assistant superintendent before she became our superintendent. Her able handprints and the legacy that she leaves are very evident throughout the district, and we are much stronger because of her dedicated work and devotion. Jan Raudonis, the principal of McKelvie Middle School, also announced that she would be retiring after the 2006-2007 school year when that school becomes McKelvie Intermediate School after the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School opens. Jan is another dedicated Bedford professional who has spent over 20 years in our system both as a teacher and as an administrator. Her legacy is also one of intelligence, compassion, hard work, and never ending dedication to children.

After Superintendent Remus announced her retirement, the Bedford School Board selected Assistant Superintendent Tim Mayes to be our next superintendent. In the March School District Elections, Terry Wolf was elected and Cindy Chagnon was re-elected to the Bedford School Board. Longtime member, Dan Sullivan, had decided to resign for personal reasons, and Sue Thomas was re-elected to serve out the last two years of his term.

All of us on the present school board, Sue Thomas, David Sacks, Steve Beals, Terry Wolf, and myself, Cindy Chagnon, want to thank all of the citizens of Bedford for your support for the educational needs of our schools and all that you do every day to make this such a wonderful town in which to live and raise your family. Thank you all from the children of Bedford.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Chagnon, Chairperson

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The 2005/06 school year was eventful for the Bedford School District. After years of planning and hard work by many people, the district broke ground on a new construction project that included a new middle school and high school facility. This construction will allow the district to address its crowded grades K through 8 facilities.

The district continues to use student performance data to assist staff in designing instruction and establishing benchmarks for student growth. This performance data is also used as one factor in determining the district's professional development programming. It was through these efforts and the consistent, high quality instruction and support by our professional and support staff that our grades K through 8 students met or exceeded their expected academic growth as measured by the Northwest Evaluation Assessment Program (NWEA).

Construction Project/Facilities

A significant milestone this year was the ground breaking of the new middle school/high school project scheduled to open for the 2007/08 school year. As the year progressed, we noticed the school structure gradually emerging from the site. What once was a dream of many Bedford residents is now becoming a reality. George Edwards was elected as the founding Principal of Bedford High School and a Planning Team was selected to develop the programs and curriculum for the new school.

On July 11, 2005, the Bedford School Board named the new middle school, which is located adjacent to Bedford High School, the *Ross A. Lurgio Middle School*, to honor Bedford's former long-time Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Ross, who believed in strong professional development programming, was the architect of many of the district's successful programs. Ross' legacy of being a student centered, caring administrator will live on by the naming of this new facility in his memory.

In March 2006, by a vote of 1711 to 2702, voters defeated a proposal for a connector road linking Wallace and Nashua Roads to provide a second access to the high school/middle school site. As a result, the school board formed a committee to study additional traffic approaches to the high school/middle school and will make recommendations to the full school board in 2007/08.

On May 22, 2006, the school board named the current principal of Riddle Brook School, Mike Fournier, as the principal-elect of the McKelvie Intermediate School, replacing Jan Raudonis, who announced her retirement at the end of the 2006/07 school year after serving the district for 27 years.

Bedford High School Curriculum Research Committee

In March of 2005, the Bedford School Board charged the Bedford High School Curriculum Research Committee with providing research-based guidance for the development of a curriculum for the new Bedford High School. The committee identified with the community's desire that Bedford High School have an atmosphere of academic rigor, and also one of supportiveness and connection. With a guiding principle of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation known as the "new three Rs" (rigor, relevance, and relationships), the committee determined that these three Rs should be interwoven into the school's mission statement, beliefs and actions. The report provided research regarding important elements of the school organization and structure, including advisory programs, ability grouping, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs, honors programs and academic support, service learning, technology for instruction, extended learning opportunities, reporting systems such as report cards and

transcripts, and professional development. The final report, to be shared with the Planning Team, the School Board and the community, will be a valuable resource in the design of the high school academic program.

Summer Technology Institute

Since the early nineties, Bedford has offered teachers a Summer Technology Institute in which they integrate technology into their instruction and into the learning experiences of their students. Since 2002, the Institute has had 175 attendees. In 2005 and 2006, many teachers developed “digital storytelling” units in which students use images and sound, through the I-Movie application, to enhance a carefully-crafted story they have written. Other teachers chose to design and update their own class web pages so that their students could access information such as recent assignments, content links, and homework support. At the Institute, teachers have the support of our district’s technology staff to assist them in the development of these technology-rich units that increase student engagement and motivation and bring their writing to life.

Summer Curriculum Institute

In the summer of 2005, the district launched a Curriculum Institute modeled on the Technology Institute. That first summer, twelve teachers attended. The group, facilitated by instructional specialists and administration, studied curriculum design and used this training to revise elements of their own curriculum. The teachers shared their results with their colleagues in the fall. Based on the success of the first year, the group grew to over forty in June of 2006. These teachers refined district-wide curricula including first and second grade writing and fourth grade science. The Curriculum Institute has become an important tool in the district’s efforts to keep its curricula aligned and up-to-date.

Measurable Goals

In 2005/06, all teachers in the district again set measurable goals for their students. These goals, established by teams of teachers at a given grade level or for a given pod at the middle school, were based upon annual assessments such as the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) *Measure of Academic Progress* or the Gates-MacGinitie Reading Tests. Teachers established S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timed) goals. At the end of the year, teachers evaluated student progress on these goals. Although it is unrealistic for every student to reach every goal every year, as a district our students grew significantly. As measured by NWEA, 78 of the 79 groups of students met or exceeded growth expectations. This includes students across all range of abilities in grades three through eight for math, reading and language usage.

Retaining Professional and Support Staff

In 2006, the voters approved the second year of a three-year negotiated contract with the Bedford Education Association (BEA), Bedford’s professional staff association. The contract will allow us to continue to be competitive with surrounding districts in attracting and retaining high quality staff while moderating increases for health insurance through cost sharing with employees. Voters also approved the second of a three-year contract with the Bedford Education Support Staff Association (BESSA), Bedford’s custodian and maintenance association.

A three-year contract with the Bedford Educational Personnel Association (BEPA) was negotiated and funded by the voters in March 2006 and implemented July 1, 2006. As with the BEA and BESSA contracts, the agreement included employee health insurance cost sharing.

Recognition

The Bedford School Board has served this community well through countless hours of board meetings, work sessions, and committee work in addition to the hundreds of hours interacting with the community listening to opinions, concerns and discussing educational topics. In recent years, the demands placed on the board members have led to significant improvements in the district, but not without an increased commitment of time. I would personally like to thank the current and past board members for their service to the district. It is through the board's efforts that the Bedford School District can accurately align itself with the vision and expectations of the community.

The Bedford School District and the Bedford community were blessed by the service of Ann Remus, who retired at the end of the 2005/06 school year. Ann served in Bedford as a School Board member and Chairperson, volunteer, Title I Reading Instructor, middle school Assistant Principal, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment, and as Superintendent of Schools. She brought an excitement and enthusiasm that was infectious and focused our staff's efforts on the primary mission of our district ... learning.

It is important to recognize the contribution made by our school volunteers. The Bedford School District has been recognized by the NH Partners in Education as a "Blue Ribbon" school district due to the high degree of volunteerism in its schools. We are so fortunate to be able to tap this rich resource and have our students and staff benefit from the school volunteers' service, caring attitude and knowledge.

No educational organization can achieve its goals without the dedication of administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, food service personnel, custodians and maintenance staff, nurses, secretaries and clerks, technology support, committed and curious students, and supportive taxpayers. In the final analysis, it is the people and their relationships/accomplishments that make the organization, not the facilities. We are so fortunate to have wonderful people who make our school district a great place to work and learn.

Communication

I encourage all of Bedford citizens to communicate with me to share your ideas, feedback, and/or compliments of our staff and students. We welcome you into our schools to visit and/or to volunteer. Our website has been upgraded in recent years and is rich in information about our school district. Please visit us at www.sau25.net. The more you know what is happening in your schools and the more feedback we receive from the community, the better our schools can become.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy K. Mayes, Superintendent of Schools

MEMORIAL SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Character education continues to be a focal point of each day at Memorial School. Each month, students learn about a new positive character trait. During morning announcements, students hear encouraging ideas about growing up and getting along with others at school. With the help of students, guidance counselor Kim Howard shares a character message with the school community. Classroom teachers reinforce the monthly traits and daily messages in their morning meetings.

The partnership between staff, students, and parents is an important one. To foster this partnership there were three events that brought families and staff together. We held Family Math Night in the fall, our annual Spring Fling, and our second Family Literacy Night. We would like to thank the Memorial staff, Memorial’s Community Council, our students and their families, the Parent Teacher Group (PTG), Carrabbas, Hannaford, Coca Cola, the Bedford community, and other area businesses for making these events such a big success.

Curriculum implementation and monitoring students’ academic growth continue to be a top priority. Our first, second, third and fourth grades all use the *Open Court* reading series. Students have continued to demonstrate significant growth in their reading ability as a result of this rigorous program. The kindergarten and fifth grade are piloting the *Scott Foresman* reading programs at their respective grade levels. Our implementation of the *Everyday Math* program is almost complete. This program provides hands-on math experiences that help students develop a deeper understanding of math concepts and strong basic math skills. We continued to encourage families to participate in “Fact Frenzy.” During “Fact Frenzy,” parents spend three minutes each night helping students review math facts. We administer the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Assessment in the spring to assess the growth of our students. This assessment gives teachers immediate and specific information about student performance which is used to plan instruction on an individual student basis.

Memorial received the Creative Communication Poetic Achievement Award 2005. Several Memorial students were selected to have their poetry published in the anthology. Gilad Margalit and Hannah Dukerschein both received a \$50 savings bond and a complimentary copy of the poetry anthology, *A Celebration of Young Poets*. This work creates a poetic record of the fears, hopes, and dreams of today’s students.

In February, the New Hampshire Partners in Education Program recognized Memorial School’s Volunteer Program as it received its sixteenth Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for our exemplary partnership with parents, community members, teachers, and staff.

The expansion of our natural playground continues to be a major school initiative. The Fitness Walk with several fitness stations is complete. Our mountain has been named by the children -- Memorial Mountain -- and we are anxiously awaiting the installation of two new slides. New trees were planted and we look forward to the shade they will provide in the future. The generosity of staff, parents, volunteers, and the community have made this multiphase playground project a reality. The playground will serve the children of Memorial School as well as the Bedford community.

We are proud of our Student Council who raised \$758.82 to help support the UNICEF program. The Student Council worked with the “Trick or Treat for UNICEF” program to collect donations for children around the world who are less fortunate than we are. All funds raised in 2005 for this UNICEF program were earmarked for the global initiative to halt the spread of preventable diseases by giving students the vaccines they need.

Milan Sandu was the winner of Memorial's Geography Bee. Milan went on to represent us at the state-level Bee at Keene State College. Our Spelling Bee winner was Cooper Lecza. He represented Memorial at the Manchester Area Spelling Bee.

Several Memorial inventors demonstrated their ingenuity at the school's Invention Convention. In Grade 5, the first place invention was Gilad Margalit's "Garbaginator;" second place was Xander Kalil's "Iditerod Pro;" and third place was Bronte Biron's "Head Heater." First place winner for the Rube Goldberg Award was "Lindsay's Lightbulb" by Lindsay Pollock. In Grade 4, Ericka Proulx took first place with the "P.J. Pack." Hadley Albiston placed second with "Remember Mark;" and Andrew Connors won third place with "Birdhouse Feeder." First place winner for the Rube Goldberg Award was Alex Dequise and Trent Fortunes' "Automatic Bowl Filler." This year's Grade 3 winners were: Danny Graff who placed first for "Dog Doorbell;" Erin Barry who placed second for "White-out Pen;" and Matt Gould who placed third for "Canine Cleaner." First place winner for the Rube Goldberg Award was a tie between Sam Anthony, Frank Anthony, and Jayanth Dabbi for "Automatic Bed-maker;" and Katie Berger and Natali Williams for "Oh, Nuts."

The following are the winners of the Continental Mathematics League: Gilad Margalit, Grade 5; Lyena Birkenstock, Grade 4; Nicholas Blandin, Grade 3; and Christopher Violette, Grade 2.

Thirty-one team members and eight team managers represented Memorial at the New Hampshire Destination ImagiNation (DI) regional tournament on March 25th. Every team member participated in creating a play or solution to a problem and helped present it at the tournament. The team members had fun at the tournament and displayed their abilities to be creative, work together as a team, and present their solution to an audience. Congratulations to all of our participants and winners!

Several Memorial teachers worked with technology teacher Deb Rodd to develop projects that integrate technology with curriculum. Grade 2 teacher Andrea Campbell created reading movies that aligned with a theme in *Open Court*. In addition, her students learned to use *Kidspiration* software to create activities that they could teach to their peers. Grade 3 teacher Dee Herrin had students create *HyperStudio* biography stacks which aligned with an *Open Court* unit. During the study of Biomes and endangered species, Mrs. Herrin's students made projects that illustrated the animal and its biome and wrote a short descriptive paragraph on the computer.

Digital Storytelling continues to come alive with fourth grade teacher Cheryl Mousseau. Students create a movie based on their writing. This project helps young writers develop a stronger sense of voice. The fourth grade team uses the New Hampshire Portfolio in *HyperStudio* to illustrate what they have learned about New Hampshire. Grade 5 teacher Deb Kelly created an interactive *HyperStudio* Stack on the Estuary to be used by students after their field trip. Students then created a mini-book in *AppleWorks* to share what they had learned. As a result of teachers' efforts, our students are afforded many rich opportunities to use technology as a tool to learn.

What makes Memorial such a special place to learn? There are many answers. We have an incredibly supportive community, including our School Board, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Parent Teacher Group (PTG), and selfless volunteers and local businesses. We have a special bond with each of our sister schools that ensures quality education for each student in Bedford and makes each of our schools stronger. We have a talented, caring, and dedicated teaching staff whose primary concern is the welfare, safety and learning of each child. Most importantly, we have wonderful children who come to school each day ready to learn. Parents, we thank you for the gift of your children and we extend sincere thanks to each person for making a difference in the lives of our Memorial children!

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Ilg, Principal

PETER WOODBURY SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Committed to excellence, the staff of the Peter Woodbury School is dedicated to the goal that all students reach challenging levels of performance so that they will achieve their highest potential! It is the mission of the Peter Woodbury School to integrate teaching, learning and caring in our school community. Curriculum and assessment initiatives by all educators focus on defining and achieving high standards of learning and instruction. The use of technology supports curriculum integration by creating innovative teaching and learning experiences. We strive to cultivate an environment that fosters academic excellence, respects diversity, and builds a foundation for lifelong learning.

Highlights of the school year included ...

Curriculum/Assessment

Academic units that reflect New Hampshire’s Grade Level Expectations, rigorous curriculum objectives and the high standard of expectations of the Bedford community are introduced to our students on a daily basis. Our use of the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) *Measure of Academic Progress* assessment tool and other standardized measurements provides our teachers with data that is applicable to decisions that guide differentiated instruction and flexible grouping in all of our grade levels. An example of this is that during the 2005-2006 school year, teachers in grade three used NWEA results to design a program in punctuation and teachers in grade five developed a program that focused on word meaning. At all levels, the students reached or exceeded the targeted measurable goals on the spring NWEA assessments.

The Peter Woodbury School Mentoring Program supports new teachers as trained, veteran teachers mentor and support them. The new teachers are guided through curriculum and assessment expectations. This program also helps new teachers become productive members of grade level and school teams as they learn standard school procedures.

The Peter Woodbury School’s “Homework Club” is an opportunity for our fourth and fifth grade students to stay after school where teachers and staff are available to answer questions and provide them with support as they complete their homework. This popular program provides our students with the opportunity to catch up on missed or unfinished assignments, to study with peer for tests in small groups, and to prepare book reports or research projects.

Artist in Residence Program

Under the direction of professional potter, Robert Rossel, students designed and constructed images in clay which represented the diverse cultures that are found around the world. These images were inscribed into clay tiles that when put together, formed a multicultural tile mural that is in the Peter Woodbury School’s lobby. Rob Rossel along with art teachers Luci Prawdzik and Anne Lederhos, school volunteers, staff and students all worked cooperatively to make this Artist in Residence project successful.

School Safety

Our school has a Crisis Management Team that discusses school security and safety issues on a monthly basis. It also oversees the emergency drills that our staff and students practice at our school. In addition to the ten fire drills we practice every year, our staff and students practice lock downs, shelter in place, reverse evacuations and drop drills. Teachers prepare the children at morning meetings and practice with the children from a standpoint of safety to reduce and/or eliminate anxiety. Our children have been highly praised for their behavior, attentiveness and cooperation during these drills.

Responsive Classroom

The most important thing that we can do at Peter Woodbury is to continue to develop a culture where students feel that they belong and are safe. We want them to be proud that they attend Peter Woodbury School, and that they come here to learn and be with friends. Through the Responsive Classroom program, students are reminded to maintain the quality of their interactions with peers and adults as we strive to maintain a cooperative, safe and collaborative school atmosphere.

Recognition

Teachers Claire Jeffrey, Diane Lonergan, Rosemary Nunnally, Donna Beecher and Jantina Fritts were named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers. The "NH Presidential Awards" recognizes teachers who can serve as role models for their colleagues. Grade four teacher Kris Possee was recognized as a recipient of the "NH Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching," and Rosemary Nunnally was recognized as a recipient of the "NH Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching."

Volunteer Program

In October, the NH Partners in Education Program recognized the Peter Woodbury School's Volunteer Program as it received its sixteenth Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for its exemplary partnership between parents, community members, teachers and staff.

School/Community Partnerships

The Peter Woodbury School's Community Action Team (CAT), involves all of our fifth grade students. The students are challenged to reach out to their school, town, state, country and world communities. Student projects include food and clothing drives, a recycling program, visits to the residents of Harborside Healthcare, a community assisted living facility, and volunteerism for the NH Special Olympics organization. During the year, our students raised over \$2,500 for the relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. In June, the CAT team was presented with an American Red Cross "Youth Hero Award." The CAT team is coordinated by fifth grade teachers Ginny Toland and Lorri Thornton.

The Peter Woodbury School's Student Council, coordinated by Grade 5 teacher Cathy Fields, provides our students with an experience in governance and school/community service.

Bedford businesses, the Bedford Parent Teacher Group (PTG), and other support organizations enhanced learning and instruction through donations to special projects, classroom resources, and student visitations. We have also established school/business partnership relationships with the Bedford Mall, Centrix Bank, and the Bedford Target store.

I conclude by expressing my appreciation to the Peter Woodbury staff, the Bedford School Board, administrators, central office staff, the Bedford Parent Teacher Group, parents, community members and especially our students for their dedication to academics, learning and children.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Williams, Principal

RIDDLE BROOK SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As the 2005-2006 school year came to a close, it is important to reflect upon the events that piece together the whole educational experience for the children we serve. With the importance of academic achievement at the forefront, the faculty and staff continue to orchestrate educational opportunities that strengthen, expand and enrich the minds of children. By weaving together school sponsored events, multi-faceted assessment, and a strong curriculum, our students are provided a solid foundation from which to build future learning.

The main area of focus for any school is the area of teaching and learning. Riddle Brook is no exception to this rule. With a strong teaching staff, responsive parents, and students who enter our doors ready to learn, we continue to create an environment rich with opportunity, and strategically pointed towards academic achievement. Our school staff spends countless hours learning new ways to help children succeed in reading, writing, and mathematics. With comprehension being the ultimate goal in teaching children to read, the staff continues to utilize new, research-based approaches to hone this skill. From students participating in our Reading Support Program to practicing fluency through a networked version of “Read Naturally,” to offering enrichment groups in reading comprehension through our Skills Enriched through Educational Diversity (SEED) program, we continue to work hard to meet the needs of every student.

In the area of writing, there is no less commitment from teachers to improve the writing of their students. Through a variety of writing approaches such as John Collins and Six Traits Writing, teachers are increasingly asking students to demonstrate their knowledge through the written word. In a world flooded with Instant Messaging and email, students at our school continue to learn how to write effectively in multiple forms. From expository writing to persuasive essays, we believe that solid writing instruction is a foundation from which children learn to think and communicate what it is they know and are able to do. Additionally, mathematics is becoming more and more an area in which students not only solve mathematical problems, but learn why problems are solved and that there are multiple ways in which to solve mathematical equations. We ask students to stretch their thinking beyond memorization to understand the concepts of place value, order of operations, inverse relationships, and algebraic thinking. As our students increasingly understand the *how* and *why* of problem solving, the mystery of being “mathematically minded” becomes less of a mystery and more of an “I can do this” for the children.

Understanding what children know and are able to do is another valuable component in our continued quest for educational excellence. In the world of education, the practice of determining what students currently know and tailoring lessons to that information is called formative assessment. One of the best ways a teacher can meet the needs of their students is to clearly understand what it is they know and do not know. One example of this is our school’s use of DIBELS (Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills). These quick assessments give our primary teachers information on a student’s understanding of phonemic awareness, phonics and word fluency. Once our early grade teachers know this information, they can tailor their instruction to help all students move forward in their academic achievement. The same holds true for those students in the upper elementary grades.

NWEA’s (Northwest Evaluation Association) Map of Academic Progress is another tool that we use to measure student growth from year to year. For the 2005-2006 school year, students in grades 3-5 were assessed in the areas of reading, mathematics, and language usage in the fall and again in the spring. Since this is a computer generated and adaptive test, our teachers and students can immediately focus on areas of relative strength and weakness. The results of the assessment give teachers and students immediate focus for the year with a trajectory of where the students should be achieving at the end of the school year. The target is for a typical year’s growth. However, some students will grow more quickly while others require additional time. In either circumstance, there is a clear direction for success.

Other, more traditional, and more summative assessments, are the Metropolitan Readiness test, Gates MacGinitie, California Achievement Test (CAT), and New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). These norm-referenced assessments provide our school and district with data on how individual and groups of students perform compared to their peers and the nation. They are an indicator of the areas in which we are tremendously successful and also act as a tool to help us better understand areas that may require bolstering or adjusting to meet the needs of a particular group of students. These results are reported directly to parents, the community and in some cases the NH State Department of Education.

In helping to equalize a child's educational experience at our school, there are many opportunities for children to participate in school-related functions and events that build community and camaraderie among faculty, students and families. During this past year, Riddle Brook hosted its first Guest Reader Day. As a part of this all-school event, local "celebrities" such as state and town officials, school board members, and members of the Manchester Wolves came to our school and spent thirty minutes reading to the children in their classrooms. The response from teachers, students and parents was so successful that we are planning the event for next year.

Another school related achievement for which Riddle Brook School is proud was our fourth grade Destination ImagiNation team that qualified to compete at the Global Finals in Nashville, Tennessee. Among the students who were recognized were Kelly Woodmansee, Jenna Lecours, Taylor Froding, Lexie Stefekos, Hailey Moll, and Michaela Norfleet. We are proud of these six girls and continue to be proud of all of our students who participate in Destination ImagiNation.

In closing, by uniting school sponsored events, multi-faceted assessment, and a strong curriculum, our students are provided with a well-rounded education. Riddle Brook students can achieve both in and out of the classroom with support from teachers, parents and the community at large. I would like to close by expressing my sincere thanks to the Riddle Brook School staff, students and parents, as well as the Bedford School Board, the central office administrators and the entire community of Bedford for your unconditional support. Your dedication to quality education and the development of children continues to make our quest for educational excellence possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Fournier, Principal

McKELVIE MIDDLE SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Each year, McKelvie Middle School strives to provide an environment that promotes high quality learning experiences for all students in a safe and nurturing environment. The teachers and administrators continue to improve their skills in using data derived from student assessments to adjust and improve curriculum and instruction. Professional development is a key component in many of the initiatives, especially in the areas of reading, language arts, math, social studies, and science. The following paragraphs highlight some of the professional development activities, instructional programs, and student activities that helped to make this a wonderful year.

McKelvie is using several points of data to drive curriculum and instruction. Along with summative assessments given at each grade level, all three grades participated in the fall and spring Northwest Evaluation Association's (NWEA) *Measure of Academic Progress*. In the fall, McKelvie teachers used this data to analyze their students' strengths and weaknesses in math, reading and language usage, and to adjust curriculum and instruction to meet the needs of all students. The data from the spring testing assists teachers and parents with information to determine whether students are growing academically as well as their peers nationally. This valuable tool has helped McKelvie to establish initiatives and practices to move our students forward by realigning math curriculum and including new practices in reading instruction. McKelvie students, along with other public school students, participated in the state's New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) testing program. This testing took place in the fall and the results were not available for analysis until late in the spring. This information will be analyzed and compared to the other testing data to determine areas of students' strengths and weaknesses and help teachers set measurable goals for learning.

McKelvie teachers continue to model our district's belief that "Learning is a lifelong process." Throughout the year, they have been involved with professional development opportunities in curriculum development and improved instructional practices. In the fall, numerous teachers in all three grades attended a series of three workshops on teaching Six Traits Writing and were able to utilize this training to incorporate more writing within their instruction. Social studies teachers have been involved in a two-year program on teaching American History using primary sources. Through this grant-funded program, they have received numerous resources and professional texts to use in their classes. Two math teachers served on state committees to review Math Grade Level Expectations and NECAP Assessment items. Three teachers presented a workshop at the New Hampshire Teachers of Math on integrating reading and math in the classroom. Two teachers served on the New Hampshire Science Teachers Association Board of Directors, facilitating workshops and two Annual State Conferences.

With the assistance of the district curriculum team and the instructional specialists, teachers have applied best practices to improve student learning. Seventh grade science teachers have increased the use of technology software to instruct students on researching genetic disorders. Sixth grade math teachers are differentiating their instruction in math for flexible grouping by math concepts through pre- and post testing and applying skills learned at the Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL) Assessment Project and Harvard University Project WIDE, which focused on increasing student abilities of self-assessment and meta-cognition. Through the work at the Summer Curriculum Institute teachers have implemented essential questions for their units of study. Several units have been compacted and lessons and activities have been revised to better meet the needs of the students. Two examples of such exemplary curriculum projects include: the 7th grade "Genetics Unit" and the 6th grade "Design a Toy Unit." In the "Genetics Unit," the students had the opportunity to collect and examine their own chromosomes thanks to a grant from the Steve Brindisi Memorial Fund organized by Brian Moyer and the Bedford Rotary. The "Design a Toy" project introduced Newtonian physics to sixth grade students.

Opportunities for student achievement and service learning extend beyond the classroom. Along with the traditional athletic teams, students at McKelvie have excelled in local and state competitions including: TSA State Conference, the MATHCOUNTS Competition, the FIRST LEGO League, the New Hampshire State Geography Bee, and the Manchester District Spelling Bee. The McKelvie Mirror, our student literary magazine, was given the rank of Excellent by the National Council of Teachers of English. School-wide projects, initiated by students and staff, have raised money and support for several noteworthy causes.

Local Marines were presented over 1,600 toys for the “Toys for Tots” Drive at a heartwarming assembly, where staff and students celebrated their patriotism and their spirit for giving. A lively basketball game was held between teachers and officers from Bedford Police Department and \$3,400 was raised for the American Heart Association. A variety show, initiated by two McKelvie students, and organized by the Bedford Coalition for Bedford Youth, raised over \$2,500 for “David’s House” which is the home away from home for children receiving care through the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth. To raise awareness and funds for the Bedford Bobcats, our Special Olympics team, several faculty and community members joined the “Special Olympics Penguin Plunge” diving into the frigid waters off Hampton Beach in February. As you can see, our learning experiences extend well beyond the classroom walls.

Three teachers were honored this year. Susan Trudel, one of our Family and Consumer Science teachers, received the Spirit of Advising Award for New Hampshire for exemplifying the characteristics of a great advisor. Two sixth grade teachers, Laura Dreyer and Virginia Kemp, were awarded two grants from the Bedford Craftworker’s Guild to incorporate artistic components into their math and science classes.

As I look back over this year, I am proud to be a part of the hardworking, positive and caring community of McKelvie. It is a place where faculty and students strive to improve themselves and to support others less fortunate, recognizing how middle school students can make a significant difference in the lives of others. I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the community, the parents, the school board, and the central office for their continuous support in all of our endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Raudonis, Principal

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Session I – February 7, 2006

The Bedford School District Deliberative Session I was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at the McKelvie School.

School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the meeting at 7 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Bullock introduced those seated on the platform: Superintendent Ann Remus, Assistant Superintendent of Finance Tim Mayes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment Chip McGee, Sitting in for the School District Attorney Eugene Van Loan III is Kathy Peahl, School Board Members include, Chairman Dan Sullivan, Vice Chairman Sue Thomas, School Board Members Cindy Chagnon, David Sacks, Steve Beals, and School District Clerk Kathy Van Anglen and Clerk, Jane O'Brien. There were approximately 200 people in attendance this evening.

Moderator Bullock said at this time I would like to thank the moderator staff, my assistant moderator and clerks all who contribute so much to make my job as a moderator a pleasure. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the assistance of the McKelvie custodial staff, the Bedford Highway Department, Bedford Fire Department and last but not least Chief Bailey and the Bedford Police Department. At this point, I would like to turn the floor over to Sue Thomas as she has a comment or two that she would like to share with us.

Ms. Thomas said as you probably know now this is Dan's last year on the board as he has opted to resign effective election day and although he really didn't want anything said, I would like to say on behalf of the board, the administration, the Bedford School District and the community of Bedford, Dan thank you very much for your service to the children and the community of Bedford.

Moderator Bullock said as my supervisors of the checklists are consolidating the activities outside the door, I would like to make mention of two things the first of which is and most of you know this is Ann Remus last time as our Superintendent. Ann I have to tell you when you came in you were a breath of fresh air and my staff and I are extremely grateful to you for all the support you have given us and you are going to be a hard act to follow. As for Dan Sullivan, Dan both times you have been on the board it has been a pleasure working with you and earlier tonight my staff and I were discussing what we thought you might be able to do with all this extra time that you are now going to have and we thought that perhaps you would take an assertiveness training course, that would be something you would enjoy doing. Mr. Sullivan answered I have already enrolled. Moderator Bullock said I am glad to hear that. We can simply look forward to you being very direct in the future.

Moderator Bullock reviewed the rules of procedure for the meeting. After an article is introduced comments of any from the body would be accepted. Given the number of people in attendance I would hope that each speaker would keep in mind that there are other voters who may wish to speak. When the speaker is recognized by the Moderator, he or she will come to the microphone give their name and address and then speak. All comments and questions will be directed to the Moderator. If a question is asked and any individual or official on the stage wishes to respond the Moderator will recognize that person who may then speak. After an article or issue is introduced and comments of any from the body have been heard the Moderator will then accept a motion if any relative to that article or issue from the body. Should any amendment be offered the body will vote on the issue or article if amended after the amendment has been established. In other words, only one amendment will be accepted at a time. Should

two or more members of the body feel that the Moderators ruling is in error they may move for an appeal and then the entire assembly may vote on the Moderators ruling and the appeal will be affirmed or defeated by a simple majority. It is the Moderators ruling that any motion for reconsideration of action taken by the assembly must, must occur prior to moving on to the next issue of business. In addition, RSA 40:10 allows a meeting on a vote-by-vote basis to protect a vote to protect a vote or warrant article against reconsideration. The body may then vote to restrict reconsideration of that prior vote or article. If the vote to restrict reconsideration passes then the vote or warrant article which is subject to restriction is until final adjournment of that meeting protected since actual reconsideration cannot take place until seven (7) days later the time, date and place at which a reconsideration will occur and must be announced before the close of the prior session which would be tonight and must be published in a newspaper at least two (2) days prior to reconsideration. In addition, I would like to inform this meeting that I have received petitions on Articles XV, XIV, XIII, XI, IX, and II. Any vote taken pertaining to those articles will be by ballot in a yes and no procedure and most of you know how to do that. Generally established rules of procedures will prevail although the Moderator reserves the right to interpret to the benefit of the meeting as explained previously the assembly as a whole may over rule any ruling that the Moderator makes. As a final note, I would remind this assembly that this is a meeting of issues and not a meeting of personalities.

ARTICLE I. *[Election of officials.] To elect all necessary school district officials. (Vote by official ballot.)* That election will occur here in the gym on March 14th, with polling hours 7 AM to 7 PM.

ARTICLE II. *[Funding the construction of a water main to the middle school/high school complex.] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) (Gross Budget) for the purpose of constructing a water main extension from Sunset Lane to County Road (adjacent to Peter Woodbury School) to provide a water supply sufficient for fire suppression in the middle school/high school complex; and, in order to finance said project, shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall the district authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; and, furthermore, shall the district raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$86,667) for the first year's principal and interest payments? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)*

Mr. Sullivan said he wanted to back up to a year ago so we can get this in perspective. One year ago prior to the deliberative session we were informed by the contracting party for our water in Bedford which is Pennichuck that we were not going to need the water main construction to get the water across the Merrimack and under with the new main system under the Everett Turnpike. In the month of May, that was contradicted as to whether or not the line that we had was sufficient to carry enough water with enough pressure to the high school and middle school complex. So at that point in time the Board and the Town worked in conjunction with each other and brought in representatives from the Manchester Water Works along with Town engineers and highway people and we looked at this and found that there is no way around the water main being a necessity and that we simply couldn't adjust the meters as we were told a year ago coming into this meeting. So, last year we approximately expected the cost to be somewhere around \$750,000 to \$770,000 and that was deleted from the bond for the entire school project. It was not to say we will reduce the number and come back the following year that was never intended. But now we do know and we tried to do due diligence a year ago and prior to a year ago and now we know that it is absolutely necessary. Some people have raised the question as to whether or not there is liability on the part of the party that gave us the information a year ago and the finding from our legal people was that regardless of whether we had that information ultimately we would have had to pay the \$770,000 last year because it was being brought in because of us and so therefore we have no real legal recourse other a suit over whatever we lost in terms of maybe bonding cost and so on and so forth. It was

felt that in any protracted situation where we were trying to get this legally done it would cost us more rather than less. So that is why we are here tonight asking you to support \$800,000 for water it is not a commodity that we can do without it is for the school and in bonding this it will result in a three cent per thousand cost and would drop even two cents approximately mid term of the bond and then ultimately one cent per thousand. We feel that if we had the information a year ago that we have now it would have been in the bond for the school and it would have pushed the bond for the school to roughly 5.5 million. We feel that it is appropriate that the bonding cost be borne by everyone rather than taking the \$800,000 out of the budget in which case the current taxpayers would be paying approximately twenty-six cents for this year to pay for that water system.

Mr. Sacks said, to understand what Dan said, it was at this body a year ago that I believe I made the motion to reduce the bond of the school it was in the nature of about 5.4 million dollars and I made that motion and it was seconded and voted on by this governing body to reduce the bond, not to leave the money in because we were given the advise that we don't need it and we didn't want to leave money in there just in case, we felt that it was prudent to only have in there what we know and what we were told and since that time we were given, as you heard new information and that is why this is here. We together a year ago made that decision to take that money out and now we are here.

Ms. Chagnon said just so people understand, it was Pennichuck that gave us the advice. Pennichuck is the retailer that has the contract and sells us the water in Bedford. Manchester Water Works is the wholesaler that supplies Pennichuck with the water and Manchester was the one that said that we couldn't supply you with that amount to Pennichuck to turn around and sell it to us, so it is a discussion between those two large corporations. Pennichuck is the one that we deal with directly they are the one that has the contract in this area and so we took their advice and as you have heard from the other members this turned out to be something that has to be changed.

John Heneage (County Road) I have four questions. 1) Does the board have any plans to put a sprinkler system in the new school? 2) Do you have plans to add sprinkler systems to any other Bedford schools? 3) Will this line only go to the schools? 4) Will it be extended to Rt 101?

Mr. Mayes asked Mr. Heneage I guess your question is does this line only going to the school? Mr. Heneage said yes. Mr. Mayes said the line is running from Sunset Lane under the Everett Turnpike connecting to the 12 inch line down by Peter Woodbury and that line would extend from Liberty Hill down to the high school site, but that is not part of this. So yes this expense is just for the construction project. Mr. Heneage asked and the line is not extended past the new school? Mr. Mayes said that the Town is considering that as part of the road project of extending the line from the intersection of County and Nashua down to the intersection of Rt 101 and Nashua, they are considering that, but I do not know the progress of that at this point in time. The sprinkling question, this building will have a full sprinkler system in it and a fire pump to feed that system as well as fan pipes. We do have a capital improvement plan plans to sprinkle this building and Peter Woodbury now that we have public water supply that will be a future decision with the board and the community.

Ms. Chagnon said this Warrant Article, we are talking about the water going to the new school. This infrastructure is only extended from Sunset Lane. We already had in the bond last year the money that would build the water lines from McKelvie down to the new school. This infrastructure is merely from Manchester over to Peter Woodbury to increase the capacity of the water that can come to the system. As far as the rest of it coming to the new school that was in last years bond because that is what we were told we would need last year for the bond.

Roy Stewart (19 Hickory Lane) There are two points that the School Board has neglected to point out. One, is that there was no contingency in the bond and you did tell the people last year that there would be

a possibility that a contingency could arise and if it did we would have to address it. You didn't expect it, but it could happen and it did happen. This is a contingency a true and real contingency and it is not the water for flushing toilets, this water is for fire protection for the kids. The Fire Dept requires adequate pressure so God forbid there is a fire in the school that they would have sufficient capacity and pressure to address that fire and I think that is very important and it should be stressed. You do have water and I know some letters to the editors said why didn't you think about water and sewer and how come you don't have it, but it is there and it is going to be there. Residents need to be aware that this is additional to be able to handle the capacity for fire protection and safety not only for the kids, but the staff and the administration on both those buildings.

Mr. Sullivan said thank you Mr. Stewart and that point is well made. Because right now there is sufficient supply for the school, but if there is an emergency such as a fire you would have to have that extra amount of pressure and water available. So to be not so technical, the reason that Manchester was not satisfied with Pennichuck's view is because it would be a drain on that system if you had a fire and they (a) could not guarantee 1,000 gallons per minute and (b) it would reduce the flow to everybody in that general area that is served by that line. As the contingency that was made clear, we were not going to put anything out there that was viewed as a contingency that was not going to be brought forward to the public and voted on by the public. So thank you Mr. Stewart.

Paul MacEwen (Moore's Crossing) What I would like to know is you have a line that is coming across from Sunset Lane and the Everett Turnpike what size line is that going to be that is coming from South River Road. Mr. Mayes answered it will be a 12 inch line. Mr. MacEwen said it is the same size that you have now on County Road to McKelvie? Mr. Mayes stated that County Road is a 16-inch line. Mr. MacEwen asked and going down to McKelvie right here is what size? Mr. Mayes said 16 inch. Mr. MacEwen asked does that 16-inch follow out to South River Road by Dunkin Donuts where it originated from. Mr. Mayes said he didn't believe so. Mr. MacEwen said what he is trying to understand here is it doesn't make too much sense to go from a smaller line to a bigger line and if we are increasing pressure because what is coming across from the Everett Turnpike now comes across from the railroad trestle on the other side of the river, the way I am looking at this, it looks like an increase in pressure that they send down the line. If you go to Manchester Water Works, they have their maps and they can tell you what these lines are capable of generating and I am having a hard time understanding that nobody really understood what was involved for volume on this and we are not only talking about what is going to be going down for the school, I am sure this will be happily enjoyed by several developments down along that way too. If you are worried about a drain on it, I can see a whole bunch of potential taking place, so I would like to know why we can't just up the pressure over by the Country Club coming down that way. Mr. Mayes said there are two lines and our 16 inch line will be fed and one is coming up old Rt 3 and then through the condo's and up Gault Road and Patten Road to the intersection of County and Patten and this additional water main would provide a secondary supply of water hence given the volume of water necessary for a fire if we eventually had one. Mr. MacEwen said you're dragging it from the commercial zone and there is manufacturing over there and they do more than just flush toilets and I am having a hard time understanding why we drag it from there when it is potentially possible to up pressure on the other side.

Ms. Remus said in conversations with Manchester Water Works and Mr. Bowen the head of Manchester Water Works, as you pointed out Mr. MacEwen obviously knows his system and it was in conversations with him that we determined that in order for Manchester to provide Pennichuck with the amount of water that Pennichuck would like to buy on our behalf, Manchester was going to insist on this change.

Mr. Sullivan said to Mr. MacEwen the other thing in conversation with Manchester Water Works and I was with their engineer and our engineer along with Mr. Bowen who is the head of Manchester Water Works was that the loop that you are referring to it would be ruled as independent of that connector line

running directly to where we start and that was what we were told. Again the manufacturer of that line was for the purpose of assuring pressure. Obviously if we were assured that they would provide the gallon per minute that Chief Wiggins said is necessary, we have to accept what they are telling us that they will do. I understand what you're talking about as far as commercial development down on this side just inside of the river and along Rt 3, but this is in addition to that.

Mr. MacEwen asked could you explain to me what you mean by separate. Mr. Sullivan said what I said was that this is independent and it is additional to that loop. Right now what they have is what they refer to as a loop that goes out there and connects with the parts of Manchester on the West side itself and it is a looping system that he was referring to. That has no bearing on this particular line that they have to construct to give the additional pressure that we need for the school.

Mr. MacEwen said then you are saying it is separate then what is on this side of the river. Mr. Sullivan said pardon. Mr. MacEwen said your saying what they are talking about is separate than what is on this side of the river. Mr. Sullivan said that is correct.

Dennis Grimes (57 Bracken Circle) were there any alternatives looked at for this plan instead of running a line under the highway? Mr. Sullivan said the simple answer to that is no, there is no other source of water. Mr. Grimes said did anybody ever look about a municipal water tower that would supply the pressure with the existing water lines, has that been looked at. Mr. Sullivan said no. Mr. Grimes said that would supply water pressure for the rest of the Town until they extended it. Mr. Sullivan said no. Mr. Grimes said so no one looked at it.

Charles Basbas (28 Brick Mill Road) I just have a question as there is a lot of speculation as to one of the reasons that they want the water to come to the school so it is that much closer to the developments on Rt 101. I would like to know if that water line ends up going to Rt 101 so those business can tap in, do we recover the taxpayer money spent on this initial pipe. Mr. Mayes said similar to what happened at Riddle Brook, we would receive a tap in fee based on a portion developed for the capacity of the line for new connections that you are speaking to so we would recover as revenue in the future.

Moderator Bullock said lets go to Article III.

ARTICLE III. *[Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Eleven Thousand Fifty One Dollars (\$511,051) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2006/2007 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2005/2006 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

No discussion was held.

ARTICLE IV. *[Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article III is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

No discussion was held.

ARTICLE V. *[Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Twenty Five Dollars (\$35,025) to fund those*

additional cost items related to the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2006/2007 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2005/2006 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

No discussion was held.

ARTICLE VI. *[Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article V is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article V cost items only? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

No discussion was held.

ARTICLE VII. *[Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Three Dollars (\$96,403) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2006/2007 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2005/2006 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

No discussion was held.

ARTICLE VIII. *[Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VII cost items only? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

No discussion was held.

ARTICLE IX. *[Operating budget.] If Article II passes so that the construction of the water main to the new middle school/high school complex is spread over several years by bonding, shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Forty Five Million One Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$45,167,571). However, if Article II does not pass, shall the district's aforesaid operating budget for the 2006/2007 fiscal year be increased by the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) which is the amount required to fund the construction of the water main extension for the new middle school/high school complex all in one year, and shall the district thereby raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, plus the additional \$800,000, totaling Forty Five Million Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$45,967,571)? [Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Forty Three Million Eight Hundred Forty One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$43,841,377) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Margaret Comiskey (40 Maple Drive) In the beginning you said that there was a request for ballot votes on several of the articles? Moderator Bullock said no, there were requests that any vote taken on those particular articles will be done by secret ballot and specifically that would be if any amendments were offered.

Moderator Bullock said lets go to the green handout and we will run through this if anyone has any questions. Peter Woodbury School \$2,838,473 - Memorial School \$2,488,031 – Riddle Brook School \$2,968,799 – McKelvie School \$4,588,364 – High School Education \$7,458,025 – Special Education \$7,691,230 – District Wide \$14,985,967 – School Board and District Offices.

Margaret Comiskey (40 Maple Drive) On the District Wide, could somebody explain what is included in the other, I am particularly referring to legal fees and the general categories? Mr. Mayes said that the other under District Wide would include expenses for legal, professional, technical or consulting services, advertising for personnel, our District Wide telephone account and the cost of our audit.

Moderate Bullock continued, School Board and District Offices \$177,631 – School Administrative Unit \$667,760 – Maintenance \$1,253,634 – Food Service \$778,802. That brings us to a total operating budget of \$45,896,716. The next page as revenues and credits.

Roy Stewart (19 Hickory Lane) Last year when we passed these, there were projections made as to what the tax increase would be this year and I wonder if you could tell me how this reflects and the tax impact that you had projected versus the tax impact that we now have? It is my understanding is it is less in both instances. Mr. Mayes said that when we model the first five years of the high school project, we anticipated that the model a 96 or 97-cent increase above and beyond what the operating budget was to be this year. When we looked at the middle school and high school expenses associated with the project, the impact is roughly 66 cents on the tax rate versus what we had originally thought. The two main factors that have caused that savings to the district have been that when we sold the bonds the bonds rates were lower than what we had modeled and secondly we are getting more revenue on the investment of the bond proceeds due to the fact that the interest rates were higher when we invested that money. So we enjoyed a little bit of both benefits.

Mr. Steve Beals commented that you should know that the amount that we came in under the projected budget also includes Article II passing which is the water bond, so that savings would be even more if that water bond wasn't there, but that is even including that.

Mark Stull (35 Blackbird Drive) Tim's remark on the interest rates, just triggered me to point something out, we have what is called a inverted yield cove right now, which means if we borrow the money for the water bond because we pay municipal rates and we can have money that can be invested actually at higher rates than we can borrow at because of the majority of circumstances in the financial markets it may not last long, but it exist right now. Long rates are quite low and short rates are high.

Michele Corcoran (2 Whitney Court) On the previous page in the budget, the proposed budget this year, the amount that you are proposing, does the proposed budget for the upcoming year, does that reflect the difference between the amount you proposed last year and amount you spent, did you include the difference and is it reflected. In other words, are the taxpayers getting a check in the mail for that difference or is it reflected in the budget? Mr. Beals said if I understand right, is this in regards to Mr. Stewarts question? Ms. Corcoran said no. Mr. Beals said please try to qualify it for me. Ms. Corcoran said the 2004/05 expended budget \$39 million and your proposing. Moderator Bullock said that is 2004/2005 Michele. Mr. Sullivan said that is not the same Michele. The 2004/2005 was two budget cycles ago. I don't know if this will answer your question Ms. Corcoran, but at the end of every fiscal

year, whatever monies the school district has not spent in expenses and has additional revenues, by law must go back to reduce taxes in the subsequent year and if you look at the next page, the Revenue page at the top where it talks about the unreserved fund balance, you can see that for this coming year, this 2005-2006 the district returned \$1,760,716 which was the result of under spending the budget and additional revenues that we received for a variety of reasons and that is true every year and we have to do that by law. In essence the answer to Michele's question do you get a check and you do get a check, you get a lower tax rate.

Ms. Remus said that Michele has asked a good and pertinent question and ever year as Tim has said, first we budget, then we spend money and perhaps we are able to spend a little less or perhaps we get more revenues. Over the last 6-year period the difference between our estimates for what the tax rate impact for that year was going to be and what it really was over the 6-year average is that we have been 23 cents below our estimate so we try very hard to be. You may notice year after year there will be an announcement in the paper it said \$1.10 if you put together the School District and the Town we may or may not be at \$1.10 we will not know the actual rate until we have a chance to have a full cycle.

Mike Shannon (12 Dublin Court) I had a question about the utilities, specifically for Riddle Brook being the newer school being basically two times the cost of the other elementary schools. I was wondering if you could help paint the picture of why that is so being the new school. Ms. Remus said the enrollment at Riddle Brook School right now is 729 kids, Peter Woodbury is 702 and Memorial is 573, so you are seeing a difference that is largely reflective to the number of staff and size of the school, or am I not answering the question. Mr. Shannon said if you take the utility bill at Peter Woodbury is about half. Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Shannon are you asking why the budget up so significantly in utilities across the board, is that correct. Mr. Shannon said actually I am trying to understand why the newest building is twice the amount of the other buildings. Mr. Sullivan said the reason why the expended amount for Riddle Brook and McKelvie is somewhat substantially larger than Peter Woodbury and Memorial, is that the question? Riddle Brook has the most sophisticated air-handling units of any facility in our district because it was most recently constructed. This building does have a ventilation system, but it is not as current as Riddle Brooks. They are the two biggest consumers of electricity in our district. Peter Woodbury and Memorial do have limited ventilation systems in their buildings, but nothing like the two newer schools and this one is twice as large. So it has to do with the capacity of the ventilation system for those school facilities.

Mr. Shannon asked are these new efficiency not being looked at the other school like they were at Riddle Brook? Mr. Sullivan stated that we have done a lot of things including an energy audit not only at this facility, but at Peter Woodbury and Memorial as they are the three oldest facilities and changed out almost all the fixtures and controls that were in place and we have been able to save the district about \$75,000 in what we considered electrical charges, in addition to that, if you look at the last sheet in the green handout, we show what has been happening to our overall electrical consumption which has been a decreasing trend for the last two years when you look at the district as a whole. Meanwhile the cost of electricity has been going up, our consumption as a whole in the district has been going down. We have also noted other types of cost saving measures that we have used in the top half of that green paper.

Moderator Bullock said continue on.

Gus Garceau (214 N. Amherst Road) I think we are probably in the revenue side now, my question is some where along the lines in the past few years and I think the impact fees that were scheduled for new housing that was to be used for school capital projects are they in this revenue some where or are they being held for some future use? Mr. Mayes said on the revenue page if you look under Local Revenue Other Than Taxes, you will see a line that lists other and in 2006-2007 there was \$220,000, which is the first use of any impact fees by the School District and that, is called for next year.

Moderator Bullock said at this point, let's run down through this and get into it and then you can come back with what you are asking. Unreserved Fund Balance \$200,000, Revenue From State Sources \$1,816,511 – Revenue From Federal Sources \$759,547 – Other Financing Sources \$800,000 – Local Revenue Other Than Taxes \$1,602,777 – Total Revenue and Credits \$5,178,835. Under State Education Assessment \$7,594,355 – Adequate Education Grant \$2,866,863 – Local School Assessment \$31,056,663 which brings a Total Operating Budget at \$45,896,716 – Total Appropriations \$46,696,716.

Mr. Garceau (214 N. Amherst Road) Tim used the operative word this review is \$200,000 for the first time, is there more than is available? I am not questioning how you use it, I just wanted to know if there is more? Mr. Mayes said when he checked with the Town in late November, the balance of the collected impact fees was \$860,000 at that point in time and they had issued permits that when collected would arrive at another \$160,000 in impact fees over time. So the potential was at least as of late November a million dollars in impact fees at that point.

John Heneage (28 County Road) Are we still going through revenue or are you still going through it? Moderator Bullock said we have gone through it and no we can entertain your questions. Mr. Heneage said my question is to some of the wording in Article IV, but specifically the very last part of the Article which says, *which is the same as last year*, in reality it appears that the taxes have gone up and if I look at the revenue by roughly \$6 or \$7 million and the reason I say that is because in last years budget we had the last part of the Manchester contract payment which was roughly \$3 million and if you look at the tuition in Manchester in the 2005-2006 budget we paid \$9.98 million, roughly \$10 million this year it is a little over \$7 million so that is a \$3 million dollar reduction in the budget, yet the total being requested from the taxpayers at the bottom of your revenue credit goes from \$26-\$31 million so that is roughly a \$5-\$6 million dollar increase, is that correct. Ms. Thomas asked, you are specifically discussing the default budget, which is at the end of Article IX where it says *[should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be...]* which is the same as last year with certain adjustments made. Just so you understand how the default budget comes up there is a whole formula that is done it takes last years approved budget and it takes out last year debt service, last years contracts and last years obligations and puts in this years contracts. We have contracts, we have debt service. So, for instance to come up with this, last year debt service we paid principal and interest of about roughly \$2.1 million and that comes out and what goes in that place is this years debt service which includes the high school debt service which is now over \$4 million. What it does is it takes out all of those obligations and contracts that we paid last year and puts in this year. We have contracts, we have debt service and that has to be paid back. That is a whole formula so we cannot just take last years budget and last years revenues because we do have new obligations that were approved last year and the year before that do need to be put into that and it is a formula that is followed.

Mr. Heneage stated he agreed, but the local assessment in the 2005-2006 was \$26,800,000 and that included roughly \$3 million from Manchester, so the local assessment as I read your revenue source is now \$31 million which includes an increase of 5 plus effectively another 3 because the Manchester payment was a one time payment. Am I reading that correctly? Ms. Thomas said the local assessment went up because our revenues have gone down from 2005-06 and 2006-07 and our State Education Assessment has also gone down, so the local school assessment is what we have to pay when everything else is put into the mix. So that number has gone up, but also what has gone is the Town's evaluation so it all hopefully works to keep the tax rate down as much as possible. That is what is raised locally in taxes, that number. Mr. Heneage said the \$31 million is what is raised and my observation is that if I take the 3 million out of the 26 million from last years budget, the one we are in right now in reality we would have only had to raise 23 million, so my point is that we really have increased the budget it looks like by about \$8 million.

Mr. Sullivan said the budget has gone from what you see on the green pages, which is the budget now not revenue so I don't want to confuse revenue and budget. The budget has gone from \$43,020,682 to \$45,896,716 and that is not \$8 million dollars. Now how it is funded from revenues has gone from (Local Assessment) has gone up roughly \$4 million. Mr. Heneage said he agreed. Mr. Sullivan said it is because of a couple of factors. The first is that the State is giving us less and not only the State, but also other revenue sources are lower and therefore the Town has to pick up that extra, whatever is extra belongs to us. I just want to be clear. The budget has gone up \$2 million, ballpark \$26,842,585.

Mr. Heneage said the budget is one thing, but what the taxpayer has to pay is a separate item and I agree based on these numbers, the amount of funding we are getting from the State has dropped about \$400,000 from \$8 million to \$7.6 million, but going back to 2005 assessment which was \$26 million that included a one time cost of roughly \$3 million to Manchester, that was my point.

Mr. Mayes said although this is not a simple matter, I would offer to you that there are a lot of things happening and you have to look at four things. One would be the local revenue, the second would be the State Education Assessment, the third would be Adequate Education Grant and the fourth would be the Total budget. The reason why your seeing about a little over \$4 million increase in the Local Assessment is that the State Education Assessment dropped and that got shifted to your Local Assessment and your local revenue dropped a couple hundred thousand and that got shifted to Local Assessment, your Adequate Education Grant is flat so there really is no impact on that for this year to next year and the remainder of the increase is the increase in the budget. So although you're addressing one item of last year's budget there are a lot of factors that went from last year to this year's budget but if you look at those four numbers it shows you the difference of what is happening with that Local Assessment.

Mr. Heneage said I understand what your saying, but the point I am making is that last years budget included a \$3 million payment that would not have occurred had we not under taken the construction of the school we would not have these additional costs per se because last years budget, not counting the \$3 million that we paid to Manchester, it would have been \$3 million lower had it been spread out over 10 years or something, that was the only point I was trying to make. Mr. Mayes said I am not sure I understand what you are saying.

Mr. Heneage said the \$26 million that we raised from the taxpayers for last years budget, the other numbers have remained static, that is correct, the State has gone down by four hundred thousand, but that is 1% of the total budget, so it is not really significant, but that included a \$3 million payment to Manchester. Mr. Mayes said it included a \$4.4 million payment to Manchester for capital tuition and the remainder for regular tuition, but that is not in the budget obviously for next year, but what it is a 3 years debt service. Although it is not wash even dollar for even dollar, it did consume a good deal of that amount of money.

Moderator Bullock said Article X –

Mark Clark (38 Cortland) I have a question on the State Education Assessment and the Adequate Education Grant on the revenue page specifically the way I think they are separated because the \$7 million represents what the taxpayers paid in Bedford and that was actually just given back to us and the rest is actually aid from other Towns, am I correct? Mr. Mayes said the \$7.5 million is the assessment from next year and we will collect it locally on behalf of the State and it does remain in Bedford and it is used to offset expenses. The Adequate Education Grant is money, which we receive quarterly from the Dept of Education.

Mr. Clark asked the Adequate Education Grant is not, I would like to explain where I assume it comes from is other Towns contributing to the State and then redistributing to Bedford, am I correct or no?

Mr. Mayes said there are three donor Towns remaining and they will be eliminated in the future. It is business profits tax and other revenues that the State uses to pay for education based on enrollments and a cost per student that is around \$3,500. Right now only 3 Towns are actually contributing to other Towns education at this point in time.

Mr. Clark asked, so my question is the \$2.8 million that we are getting is that going to go away because of this? Mr. Sullivan said yes. Mr. Mayes said my best guess is yes and Bedford will get less money next year they are on a biannual budget, so whatever the reduction is next year will remain in place for 2 years and then it will go down some more. I do not expect the same level of funding from the State in the future that we have received over the past 4-5 years, as you can see it has been decreasing now.

Mr. Clark stated as a State Legislator, I can just tell you that the sediment in Concord is not good for Bedford and there is no intent in sending grants or aid to our Town and donor Towns will not exist because the vote up there basically really is thinking that Bedford is a rich Town and they don't need aid.

Joleen Worden (7 Birchwood Circle) I think the point being missed by the gentleman who stood here before me is that the revenue that was \$26,842,585 for the last year versus the \$31,056,663 that we are projecting for next year will come from a growing Bedford population which has grown during the past year, it will be come from more and more homes that have been built in the last year and it is going to educate a fairly high percentage of additional students that we now have in our school that we didn't have last year. To expect that the Bedford school system could some how become stagnant in a Town that is still rapidly growing and a school system that is rapidly growing would be completely irrational, so I don't see what the problem is with it.

Moderator Bullock said, moving on to Article X.

ARTICLE X. *[Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property, which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

ARTICLE XI: *Shall we change the date for elections and the second session of the Annual School District Meeting from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in April, which would change the date for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting to a date between the first and second Saturdays after the last Monday in February, inclusive? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Roy Stewart (19 Hickory Lane) I would like to speak to this article, the Bedford Taxpayers Association submitted this petition article again and we urge a yes vote for several good reasons. 1) Official ballot voting, commonly known as SB2 passed in the NH legislature in the mid-1990's, the first session was to remain in March and the second session was to be on the second Tuesday in April this left the open meeting, this meeting, just as it had been for a couple of hundred of years in March and would move the voting session to April. Since then the legislature succumbed to pressures by small Towns and Municipal Association and changed the date back to March to satisfy the Towns and Municipal Association. Then they reconsidered and changed it again to giving you a choice March, April or May, our decision. The first years that the Bedford School District voted by official ballot under SB2 were in April and we heard no complaints about difficulties in recruiting and hiring. The purpose of SB2 was and is to allow more people to vote on election day either in person at the polling place or by absentee ballot which makes for a more democratic process which allow more people then were previously attending the open meeting concept. This is your open meeting. If you were still voting the old fashion way, this is the number of people who would be here voting and this does not represent 14,000 voters. Likewise 5,000 or more now

vote in a privacy booth and it has been as many as 8,000 whereas only 100-200 did before in the open meeting, just like it is here tonight. 2) Likewise, by voting in April rather than March more people would have the opportunity to vote again making the process more democratic and reflecting the wishes of the newer people rather than a few. More people would be given the opportunity to vote in April than they do in March because generally the weather is better and warmer. Seldom is there a blizzard in April as there was last year in March. The better the weather the more than likely voters will turn out to vote. There is less chance that commuters who usually vote on their way home from work will get stuck in snow traffic as they did last year then never make it to the poles by the 7 p.m. closing. Once again more would get to vote. Many snowbirds return home in late March or are back from their winter vacation. Again more will vote in person rather than by absentee ballot. Many voters are unaware that under SB2 they can vote by absentee ballot, or they do not understand the process of doing so. Again if they are home they are likely to vote. 3) This is important, there are advantages to the School Board and the School Administration as well, they won't have to start next year's budget process in the current year, they can start at least one month later with more actual figures to work from. 4) The Bedford School District has argued that by passing the budget in March Bedford gets a jump on other School Districts and is able to attract the best of the best. I suggest that this argument is suspicious, because if Bedford schools are as good as we believe they are, then giving a one month delay should have little or no effect on teacher and staff recruiting and hiring. The Bedford School District certainly can recruit anytime during the school year including to fill vacancy subject only the pay rate that will be approved at the end of the School District Meeting in April. Further the School District can recruit and make offers to candidates to fill new positions including the new high school starting right now, again subject to voters approval of the new positions and pay raise in April. Many school districts now vote in April including our neighbor in Merrimack. There really is no evidence or a disadvantage in recruiting and hiring. Merrimack agrees that SB2 is a definite advantage in budgeting with greater accuracy and additional time to deal with unanticipated changes as late as March. Merrimack noted no change in voter turnout when they changed for voting and their change was from May back to April not from March to April as we are proposing here in Bedford. The weather in April and May, either month is certainly better than it is in March. Even with early voting in 2005 Bedford found some hard to fill positions remaining open right up until school opening in September, so early was not an advantage. With Bedford's education reputation, even with a 1 month delay there should be no problem lining up with qualified candidates long before the vote in April. Voting in April obviously offers advantages to both the voters and to the School District, therefore we urge a yes vote on Article XI.

Mr. David Sacks said he would like to give his opinion on why I certainly feel that we should stay with it as it is and why the School Board in general has felt this way, not only this time, but over several of the last elections where we have had this question. I will try to address the points that Mr. Stewart raised and I hope I address them in the same order, as I was writing as fast as I could. 1) You talked about weather. I come from a place where we have good April weather and I would say that New England is not one of those places. New England is not known for predictable weather and in fact who would have thought that now in the middle of January and February you would have the temperatures that we have now and I will take a small wager with you Mr. Stewart over a can of Coke that we will probably have a bigger snowstorm in April this year than in March, but that being said, we don't know what the weather is going to be like and if you want an account for the weather than you need to move some where you know you will not have a snowstorm. I don't think you are going to get much of a change from March to April. Let me come back to a couple of other points. You mentioned that Merrimack didn't see much of a change and I would submit to you that May has very good weather and to April they didn't see much of a change I am surprised. The other two points, we have an advantage to having it a month early. To your point that we probably didn't have problems hiring those years, but now we do have an advantage and why would you give that up. Yes we might not fill every position during the summer months and maybe we will still have some positions left over by the time the school year starts, but that is possible and that is statistics and we all know what statistics are like. We improve our chances of getting better quality teachers by having an approved budget in March and that is a commitment from the voters to fund the budget and

Bedford schools are wonderful and people do want to come work here, but at the same time we are still hiring and people are still competing in the market. We have an advantage and I would hate for us to give it up to say hey it doesn't make much of a difference, it does. Finally to the point of the snowbirds and those people and those on vacation. With SB2 they can do an absentee ballot so those people who want to be responsible for participating in the democratic process can and have done so to a great degree by the way of the absentee ballot system and I would suggest to you that we continue to do this and in fact I always take an absentee ballot just in case I have to be out of town because I consider this my duty of voting. The final one is with respect to the late afternoon traffic and getting caught in a snowstorm the one thing we have over other states is that we are on the East coast and the weather patterns usually move from west to east, so while weather reports are usually pretty good, they are never perfect, so if you knew there is a snowstorm coming, I knew last year as I was actually flying out, I knew I had to come and vote earlier and I would suggest that people who get stuck in traffic they obviously either didn't check the weather report or they didn't try to vote early. I don't think you get any benefit of more people participating and we have an advantage in hiring better-qualified teachers, which ultimately affects the education. That is the end game of that here.

Mr. Mayes commented, in my past life I served as principal at Merrimack High School and the experience we had as we were trying to compete with southern New Hampshire hiring for high school staff, but on a number of occasions, I wouldn't say it was the majority of occasions, but on a number of occasions when we were trying to offer positions to people they were not only in Merrimack, but they were interviewing at other southern tier states. If they got an offer, even though we had a made kind of a promise to them. You know the old saying a bird in the hand is worth ten the egg, we lost some candidates. I think that with the high school coming on line and the hiring that we have to do in the next 2-3 years we would be at a disadvantage where candidates might take a position where they have a contract in hand that they know is in fact approved by the voters.

Elaine Tefft (Meetinghouse Road) It grieves me to stand and support this article, however I think the most important thing is to get as many people as possible to vote and to give them the opportunity to vote, I think it is one of the few privileges that we still enjoy. I am a native of New Hampshire and I have probably lived through a lot more winters than many people here and because you are going to point out some anomalies there has actually been a snowstorm on July 4th in New Hampshire. It was in the 18th century, but nonetheless for those of you who want a historical perspective, anything is possible. However those who say the absentee ballot is going to solve the problem it is not. Some people do go to foreign countries where it is warm in the winter and the mail service makes it impossible for them to vote. Not everybody can afford to go to Switzerland skiing and not everybody can afford to go to some of the more expensive places. I think the point is to get more people to vote. I think that is an absolute positive. I was here last year during the storm trying to get old people to come in who had tried to fight to get here and I have to tell you it was extremely difficult and I have to tell you that a lot of people did not make the attempt and those that did that couldn't make it on their own because the conditions were so bad, I would urge everyone to vote in favor of this. I think we should vote on Saturdays and I think we should make it as easy as possible for people to vote.

Joleen Worden (Birchwood Circle) I have two issues with regards to absentee ballots. My daughter is an officer in the US Navy and she already had requested her absentee ballot well in advance and Wanda Jenkins can attest to this, but through no fault of anybody but simply because of the US mail my daughter never got the ballot in time and she didn't get vote and it arrived at her ship after our vote took place. With regard to the budget and the salaries of teachers, I cannot understand why people cannot be hired year round by our school district and the school board because in the years that I have lived in Bedford, I have never seen a budget and specifically the teacher's salaries ever voted down. Now perhaps someone can give us a bit of history on that, but if 99.9% of the time Bedford citizen's approve their budget and the teacher's salaries then I would say if I were going to apply for a job in Bedford I would more than happy

to do it any time of the year and assume that the budget would be passed and therefore I will be paid whatever I negotiated.

Mark Stull (35 Blackbird Drive) I came in here tonight and I was very much afraid that I would not have the opportunity to disagree with Roy Stewart, but I have been saved. I think it is pure conjecture that more people would be able to vote in April than in March. If you knew in my former life as Tim mentioned his former life, and in my former life I commuted everyday to Boston. I guarantee that if you want to get stuck in traffic in I-93 try driving in a rainstorm at rush hour it can be just as bad or worse than a snowstorm. I think the people in NH are prepared to deal with snow, many of us have 4 wheel drive vehicles and you can check the forecast. I just don't think it will make a dimes worth of difference in getting people to the polls.

Robert Blaney (41 Dunlap Drive) I have three points, to the weather, who can predict the weather and a traffic jam, I don't think that is a topic worth voting on. Two I vote by absentee ballot probably 50% of the time because I recognize the conditions in the area. Three as someone who is involved in Human Relations and hiring, I can tell you from my own attempts of hiring people in this general area over the past several months that the market is tightening up and a month does make a significant difference in hiring good and qualified people.

Adam Pagliarulo (23 Greenfield Parkway) I current work at a High School in the southern tier and also serve in the hiring capacity there and there is one thing that is clear and the biggest impact that a district and a school can make is in hiring qualified teachers. Any advantage that a district can hold in maintaining the best opportunity to get to those teachers should be protected. Specifically it is no secret that education in the United States looks at Math and Science being well behind where we should be and there are fewer and fewer Math and Science teachers coming out of teacher education programs and colleges and universities and what that leaves the district to do is to seek candidates pursuing alternative certification and while it is possible to get a highly qualified individual, it does make a difference when a teacher comes to a school that has not come through a traditional teacher prep program. There sometimes is expectation that somebody from industry who does not understand education in the classroom can come in and teach. It is not to say that it cannot be learned, but the learning curve that it takes a person from industry to come into a school and learn how to be a teacher is insignificant, so again I believe any advantage that can be maintained by keeping the date earlier so that Bedford will have an opportunity to hirer the best teachers available should be protected.

Sue Holstein (33 Ministerial Branch) My first observation is that over the years that I have lived in this Town, voter turn out seems to be for only one thing that matters. Secondly and I should know this, but I am going to have to ask to be reminded, when do we vote for the Town elections, not the School but the Town. Moderator Bullock said the Town and School are the same day. Ms. Holstein asked what is the cost of an election? Moderator Bullock said on the average about \$7,000. Ms. Holstein said so we save \$7,000 right off the bat by having both elections on the same day. I cannot see why we should have them on separate days. Moderate Bullock said they would only be on the same date if the School District voted to change it and the Town voted to change it, but you could end up having the School voting to change it and the Town retaining.

Roy Stewart (19 Hickory Lane) The Town doesn't have to vote the Council has legislation that allows the Council to make the change and we did it when we first went to SB2. That is only common sense to have them the same day.

Moderator Bullock said the next article.

ARTICLE XII: *Shall the Bedford School District require by the start of the school year 2007, that all children beginning with grade 1 and ending with grade 8; elementary, middle and junior high wear a defined, set school uniform, that will be similar but different from each school level, with attention to style, durability and feasibility, where footwear, socks and hosiery will not be defined by said article but by school dress code, that school policy will dictate appropriate hair styles that are conducive to the image set forth by a school uniform, further that the children will themselves vote in school on the initial uniform style options set forth by a volunteer uniform committee; and that every 6 years from 2007, the design of the uniforms shall be addressed by a uniform committee, comprising of a male and female "child" representative, from each school in the district? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Phil Bruno (18 Beech St) I would like speak out against this article. I firmly believe what would serve this Town better in the school district would be a clearly defined dress code that is easily enforceable and easy to understand for parents. I don't think that the school administration should have to be in the business of enforcing a dress code. I think it is the parent's responsibility and if a letter goes home to the parents explaining a well-defined school dress code and the parents sign it saying they read it, then the parents should be responsible. Now you get one time if your child comes in not dressed in the dress code as is done today and they are spoken to and they are taken to their locker to get something different. The second time the parent is called and the child is sent home. I don't think our school administration should have to be in the business of enforcing a dress code. Similar to the dress code we are going to have the same issue in the high school that we have in the junior high school now with cell phone. There is a cell phone policy in Manchester that says the children are not allowed to use their cell phones during the day in school. There are some teachers who override that policy and let kids check their messages in homeroom and it creates a lot of confusion. Different teachers enforce it differently. I really think a clearly defined policy is much better than trying to enforce a uniform. Different kids like different styles and as long as they would meet the dress code, then why not let kids dress the way they want and the same thing with hair styles, I don't think we should be enforcing hair styles on children it is a way of expression and if it meets what is suggested then it should not be an issue.

Natalie Wilkinson (31 Birkdale Road – McKelvie 6th grader) My friend Emily did a survey on who do and do not want to wear uniforms and in less than three days she had 150 signatures from kids that don't want uniforms. I have had to wear school uniforms at my previous school. We want to do things independently and have a little more freedom buying our own clothes and stuff like that as we have so little control over our lives right now and we need some sort of freedom. The second point is that choosing what we want to wear is a decision-making skill. We are learning to make good decisions at all sorts of levels. Leaving the trial and error to what is appropriate to wear in a classroom is a critical decision making exercise for students. My third reason is because in fact the clothes are regulated by the school dress code if we had uniforms it doesn't matter what I would wear after school. Right now without uniforms all my clothes conform the school dress code. They also say uniforms make it easier to get ready for school in the morning, but I really don't believe that is true. There is always that one part of the uniform that you can't find or it is stained or wrinkled and with your normal clothes you would end up replacing what you can't find with something else. When we get home the first thing we would want to do is to get out of the uniform and get into normal clothes. They say kids won't judge and make fun of other kids so much if everyone is wearing the same thing and that is totally not true because when I had uniforms the rich kids had the brand new freshly ironed uniform and always had the best extras like hair bands and the poor kids had the old faded hand me down uniforms. You could always tell who is popular and had more money by their uniform and it made it much more obvious. Some people look better in certain styles than others and let's suppose we also impose a uniform for the teachers and staff, what is the one style that everyone would wear and look good in. Would you want to wear a uniform? When you move to a different school district all those uniforms are trash and no one ever wants to wear the school uniform again if they don't have to. Uniforms look like uniforms. Clothing expresses individuality,

creativity and style. If this is all taken away we will be like clone. People said the same thing about Martin Luther King that he had no control. Thank you for letting me speak. Moderator Bullock said thank you for coming tonight we appreciated your input.

Scott Reed (51 Barnside Drive) I don't know if there is anyone here that can speak to this petition here, but my question is to the petitioner. Every 6 years is that a hard fast 6 years on the uniform review or is that something that can be adjusted. Is there anyone here that can speak to that?

Tracey Kenealy (22 Pinecrest Drive) The 6 years certainly could change to 8 or 10 if you would want to amended as such, if we can do that. Is that your question? Mr. Reed said yeah my thought is and I think I am against this, I have thought of all the pro's and con's, but I think 6 years is a long time to go between having a committee review the uniform when there are changes that can happen over time with style and you would hate to have this come out in 2007 and a uniform be established and you would have to wait 6 years to go ahead and decide we want to make a change to it. I would respectfully request to submit an amendment to make it like 3 years or something less. I don't know if that is the proper forum to do that or what the case maybe. Moderator Bullock said it is certainly within the forum to offer an amendment, but I would suggest you keep in mind that this would be subject to review at any subsequent School District meeting if in fact there is a petition article to change it. So whether you want to offer an amendment. Mr. Reed said he will retract.

Ms. Kenealy said since I have the microphone, I would like to point out that there is a police officer here and he is wearing a uniform, there is a boy scout here and he is wearing a uniform and there is a reason why they are wearing a uniform and everybody should think about really what uniforms are. As for individual freedoms and rights and being a clone, I personally am not a clone, neither are the lay people in here that grew up with a uniform. You take it off when you get home and you still have the way your look, your hair and your individuality and the uniform doesn't detract from that, at least I don't think so. Also a few statistics 23% of the nation in elementary school right now is actually in a school uniform and 12% of the nations middle schools are in school uniforms. These are some things to think about. May be I will come back later to see if anyone else has something to say.

Norm Longval (51 Wentworth Drive) Pertaining to hairstyles I want them all to be short because this is more conducive to my business. I don't feel that uniforms are the way to go and I think everyone should have their own identity whether it is short hair or long hair. As long as it is an appropriate dress for either a young man or young woman and I think Mr. Bruno hit it on the head when he said this should start at home. So just to put my opinion in here, I don't think uniforms are the way to go, I think we should conduct ourselves as any other high school would in the sense of using good judgment.

Mr. Sullivan said so that everyone understands, there is a dress code and I think that the way the petitioners concern is that some kids show up inappropriately dressed and that is a fact, I don't think that is beyond everybody's knowledge. To Mr. Bruno point there was a dress code that has been formulated by the district for appropriate dress and as long as it is consistently applied and everybody is on the same page on it and people are dressed and not inappropriately dressed then everybody should be satisfied. I think the school board voted 4-0-1 on this. The whole point is even in uniforms you will still have some issues and do you really want to go down that road. I would hope that people would have faith in the administration to enforce the policies that are there for a reason and I think that we can satisfy the best of both worlds. That is why the school board was in opposition to that petition.

Valerie Earnshaw (34 Juniper Drive) I am not sure if I am for it or against it, but there are a lot of issues about dress code in this Town and from everything that I hear from my kids, in the middle school the dress code is not enforced and may be fixing that problem might be a way to deal with some of the issues that people are concerned about. I am here to speak about the experience that my sister had in a public

school in Palm Springs in CA. About 6 years ago they decided to go to uniforms in their public school. From my point of view, school is about education and kids can express their individuality and do a lot of things, but school is about education and statistically schools where uniforms were introduced the test grades are higher and the discipline is lower and there is a lot of good things that happen in those schools because a lot of things that happen because of whatever, it is diminished with the influence of having the uniforms in the school. I guess there are a lot of administrators in that school district that were not thrilled about the uniforms coming in and after they had the 5-year review period all the administrators at that point were happy that they had the uniforms because of the good changes that they saw in the school. This is a little more information for people in their decision-making.

Marie Carboneau (2 Shepard Hill Road) I have 3 children two that go to a private Catholic high school, Bishop Brady in Concord who have a dress code and in the last 2 weeks, I can tell you that my 2 children had 5 detentions for dress code violations so even when you have uniforms they still get around it. There is a Vice Principal that all he does is discipline the dress code. The girls wear the skirt, walkway from him and they roll it up. The dress code is a dress code only when it is enforced. McKelvie does a great job with the dress code as well as they can, kids walk away and do things, kids take off sweatshirt, put things on, roll skirts up what have you. Your child may leave the housedress appropriately, but he has things in the backpack to put on in the bus or in the girls room or wherever, it is going to happen. Don't vote for a dress code.

Ms. Thomas said I couldn't have said any of the arguments against the dress code better than our young McKelvie student. Some of the things that I have read about the rich kids and the not so rich kids well let me tell you, and I wore a uniform for 12 years and you knew who the rich kids are even in a uniform. My kid went to McKelvie and they were not rich kids, but they went to school and they looked neat and they did make choices. My kids two have graduated from Trinity and one is a freshman at Trinity. Trinity of all the Catholic high schools has probably the most relaxed dress code however it is a very good dress code, they cannot wear jeans and they cannot wear a bunch of things, but they know what they can wear. I don't have to buy two outfits for my daughter because what she wears in school with the exception of jeans she can wear at home. There is a lot of issues with dress code with making choices, however when I first read this article, I will say as a board member everyone said we haven't addressed or looked at that policy in quite a while and instead of going right to a uniform, let's pull out the policy, let's review the policy and make sure it is strong enough to be enforced and it is doing what we want to do and that it is enforceable and that the schools are enforcing it and that is probably the first step we should take. I think as a board member everyone agreed that that is probably the best first step to take and let's get that policy back out, let's review it, let's make sure it is enforced and then go from there.

Jim Morgan (39 Riddle Drive) I think that this petition warrant article is an excellent Bedford scientific study. I don't know whether it is going to pass or fail and I really don't have an opinion either way, but certainly if the voters and a large majority of the votes vote for this and it doesn't pass, I would hope that the school board would look at their dress code policy and maybe look at what is wrong with the policy and why so many people would support this particular warrant. If it gets 3% of the vote then obviously that is a mandate that is saying you are doing a good job. If it gets 45% of the vote, then that is a mandate that says we need to look at what is going on. Mr. Stewart reminded me to say that I like the idea of April voting.

Paul MacEwen (Moore's Crossing) I have some mixed feelings about this, but I have some thoughts that I would like to share. When I was going to West High and if you remember Ryk we had a dress code there. During assemblies you had to wear a tie, have short hair and look presentable. I think the whole point behind it was to give each student a little respect for themselves, a decent appearance to the public and as I look at it now, we see a lot of students wanting to express themselves and wear what they feel comfortable in, unfortunately not to many but quite a few they look stunning. If you want to see some of

that go to the high schools in the city and take a look as to where I am coming. I don't see anything wrong with a dress code if it is enforced and presentable and people look decent, their clothes are clean, their hair is cut and they look like a respectable citizen because that is what these children are growing up to be the future of our country and we don't want them looking like bums.

Rachel Cohen (22 Quincy Drive) I am actually an administrator here at McKelvie. My concern is I am curious if there is research supporting a direct correlation between school uniforms and increased student learning and increased student test scores, if there is, then why not go for uniforms, but if not, it doesn't directly affect academic performance then what is the point.

Paul Roy (Jackson Square) I have worn a uniform my entire life, but that was my choice. My kids when they were younger they went to a private school and that was a uniform. I have been in every school in Bedford and I have not seen a drastic, where this is crazy. They enforce the dress code. Yes there are going to be some minor violations. I am not an attorney, but the way that this petition is written, I would say with several attorneys in Town you might be looking at some sort of constitutional violation.

Ms. Tracey Kenealy said am not an attorney and I wrote it because I had 3 days to get it signed and I wrote it by getting another warrant article and seeing how to write it. Regarding the hair styles, the superintendent Ann Remus mentioned to me that they are having problems with the hair, there are some hair issues and that is the only reason that hair went in there. As for skirts, I probably would be on the uniform committee because I am predicting that it would pass and I don't think we would be in favor of any skirts that anyone can roll up. There are other things that I want to respond to, but I have forgotten because it took so long, but I will stand by and respond.

Linda Linehan (54 McAfee Farm Road) I actually had question about the hair thing, the clothing okay the money issue and the appropriateness. The hair thing I am not quite sure what you're talking about as far as color or craziness because some of the teachers do a funky job coloring their hair too. Could you explain that?

Ms. Ann Remus said I think during our conversation Ms. Kenealy I think we had a miscommunication. I suggested to you, after you asked how to do a warrant article and I suggested that you think through the various parts of what would be involved and I said you need to decide if hairstyle something that you want to consider in a uniform. If I incorrectly lead you to believe that there is a problem with hairstyles with the students that was not my intention. The one question that I would like to raise very quickly, is that the committee says that it is comprised of a male and female child from each school in the district, it doesn't mention an adult student.

Gus Garceau (214 N. Amherst Road) Is there a way to terminate this discussion.

Moderate Bullock said yes make a motion to terminate the discussion on this Article. Mr. Garceau said I would make a motion that we terminate the discussion on Article XII. Seconded by a number of audience members. Moderate Bullock asked all those in favor of terminating discussion on Article XII signify by saying yes. Opposed no. We have now terminated discussion on Article XII.

Moderator Bullock said Article XIII.

ARTICLE XIII: *Shall the District authorize and direct the Bedford School Board to direct the combined Upper Middle School and High School Contractor to take the necessary steps to terminate construction on the High School portion of the project, to continue with the Upper Middle School only, and to subsequently revise the design to reduce the scope and cost to allow only the Upper Middle School to be constructed at this time, to refund the unused portion of the bond passed in the March 2005 election,*

to take the necessary steps to continue educating Bedford's high school students in Manchester, and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)

Robert Blaney (41 Dunlap Drive) Is there anyone in this room who can suggest wording that will make this Article null and void please. After all the years that we have argued and torn each other apart in this Town over the high school and the consensus has finally been reached this article should be struck from the ballot.

Moderate Bullock said if I might be permitted there has been a longstanding position and in fact it is a legal one by our counsel that any petitioned article should appear, that is why people can fill out the forms and get signatures and so on and so forth. So the question of can it be stricken from the ballot, I believe Gene would say know and Kathy our very able counselor this evening concurs with Atty Van Loan's position. To answer your questions, no it cannot be stricken. Now can it be re-worded, I would only remind you that it was only a couple of years ago that if and only it became a key words of this community and as a result it turned everything on its head. Would I entertain an amendment if you could come up with the wording certainly, I would just ask that you think in terms of that.

Joleen Worden (Birchwood Circle) I personally am so entirely against this particular article that I cannot say it in this room, however the right of Bedford citizens to vote on this petitioned article is absolutely and I personally feel for anyone to amend it or change it in any way is wrong and I predict that it will not get 3% of the vote.

Mark Stull (35 Blackbird Dr) I am also opposed to the article and the attempt to amend it, I think silliness is its own worst enemy and I think this is just ridiculous. I would ask if the district has considered however and would ask my opinion on whether the article is even legal?

Attorney Peahl (standing in for Gene Van Loan) I think Gene was asked the question and he was asked to consult with the districts bond counsel and I believe the answer was while the district could vote to terminate the construction on the high school, the question of what happens with the bond proceeds would have to be addressed by the bond counsel and it is not so clear that the proceeds of the bond can just be returned to the voters. I think what would have to happen and Ann may want to add to this is that the principal that has already been borrowed would remain in the district's account and each year interest would have to be paid that could come from the interest earned on the proceeds that are not being spent, but it may be necessary to still raise and appropriated additional funds for the cost of the bond. The bond cannot be prepaid and that was what we were told by bond counsel. While the district can vote on this they may not in fact be able to do everything that this article suggests. Mr. Stull asked has anybody calculated the financial impact should this pass and result in us having to go back to Manchester or the potential impact of lost money spent on construction.

Mr. Dan Sullivan said the answer Mark is no because it is at least in my opinion and it is shared by this board and the administration that this is fantasy and to say otherwise is not living with reality. For us to entertain going through that exercise and contacting bond counsel it is absurd, so we are hoping that the residents in Bedford understand what is going on and vote accordingly. Mr. Stull said it certainly seems absurd to me and I will accept that.

Paul MacEwen (Moore's Crossing) I was wondering if someone could explain why it is here other than the obvious? Moderator Bullock said quite frankly Paul it is a petitioned article and any citizen if they can gather 25 signatures can put a petition article for the public on the warrant and that is the way it is and it has been that way for the last 20 years.

Elaine Wilkinson (31 Birkdale Road) I don't think, it certainly doesn't sound like anyone here is for this and we just moved here in September and we would not have bought here if we hadn't heard that you were definitely going to be building a high school.

Jim Lamp (30 French Drive) Realizing that this is kind of utter folly, what if it does get approved does this open us up to a lawsuit by the contractor for breach of contract? Moderator Bullock said anything is a possibility Jim and anyone can sue anybody, but it has to be a 3/5 vote. Mr. Lamp said he understands that, but there was a 16% vote that was reached last year that a lot of people didn't think was going to happen, so I just wanted to make sure.

Paul Roy (Jackson Square) Aren't there contracts that are already signed with these contractors that obligate us with a certain dollar amount whether they go forward or not. Mr. Sullivan said yes, if we shut them down we owe them the money.

Dennis Grimes (Bracken Circle) I noticed that the middle school building is in construction phase right now, when does the high school building start its construction? I don't support this article. Mr. Mayes said if you watch the latest television show in Town the high school is under construction, the gym has been built at least the outer walls and roof is on, the café and the kitchen has been built so portions of the facility that are supporting the high school are under construction as we speak. Mr. Grimes so we really cannot stop the ball.

Moderator Bullock said given the fact that we got to this point, I would suggest unless someone had something constructively different to offer let's move on to article XIV.

ARTICLE XIV: *Shall the District allow the parent(s) of Bedford students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 to select and designate, on an annual basis, either the Bedford High School or the Manchester School District to educate their children for that school year, provided the Manchester Board of School Committee (Manchester School District) agrees to accept these students, and the District hereby directs the Bedford School Board to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Ms. Cindy Chagnon said these types of ideas sound good, but you have to realize that this would be a huge cost to the district because the amount of tuition money that you would pay to another district to send a certain amount of students there would most certainly not be offset by any reduction in what it would cost to run our high school and so you would take the cost down very slightly and then you would take this amount of money and add it on to the budget. It is never a good idea to do this and fiscally it is not a sound idea. We are building this high school and staffing it with the best teachers we can possibly find and make the best educational opportunities for our high school students, that this is the smartest thing academically, but also fiscally for this Town and the taxpayers.

Mr. Dan Sullivan said I want to add one thing, we just negotiated a contract with the City of Manchester which you may or may not have read about and that carries us through the students that would move through Manchester High School West and in order to do this we would have to have a contract agreement with Manchester and the price, I don't think would be in the ball park with what we negotiated recently because you would be talking about many fewer students, so this again had the support of the board because I believe that if your opening your own school then the students should be committed to the school that is in their district. There could be exceptions because of exceptional circumstances, but that occurs everywhere. But a wholesale allowance of choosing schools would require a tremendous amount of time, energy and cost as Cindy said just to implement the desire for this never mind seeing how it would function.

Linda Linehan (54 McAfee Farm Rd) Did I miss in the article who pays to send? Moderator Bullock said the school district would, we would in other words, the taxpayers.

Elaine Tefft (Meetinghouse Rd) Regarding the contract that you just finished negotiating with, what is the per pupil cost? Mr. Sullivan said actual cost plus \$200 per student. Ms. Tefft asked what would that be? Mr. Sullivan said actual cost is estimated to be \$7,100, but it could come in at less, so it would be \$7,300 for first year. Ms. Tefft asked if there is a second year? Mr. Sullivan said second year is actual plus \$200. Ms. Tefft said what does that do for the cost for people at the Bedford High School. Does this include the new plumbing, the new water, the new septic, the new everything that we are doing. Mr. Sullivan said everything included and it appears we should come in to what the number was that was estimated last year for total tax impact and school per student cost was \$9,400 Tim? Mr. Mayes said \$8,888. Ms. Tefft asked is that with one student. Mr. Sullivan said that is the first year of operation and you cannot even dream of getting a feel or cost when you only have two grades and you have an entire building that you still have to support. You built the entire infrastructure for four grades, not two, so you are saddled with the same administration that you pretty much have with a four grade school and you're dividing a big amount of money by far fewer students. It is expensive to do what we intend to do. Ms. Tefft said I am interested in being fair to the taxpayers and the students, what it cost in dollars per student the first couple of years of operation before all four grades are there? Mr. Sullivan said the only thing is that was debated and discussed last year. I don't know what your purpose is. The point is we went out last year, this board and this administration went out with numbers and said to the public that this is what it is going to cost you in terms of the tax rate. Now dividing it up by each student cost, I will leave it for Tim, but it is not a fair exercise at all. Ms. Tefft said she doesn't ask fair questions. I want to know dollar amounts. Mr. Sullivan said he understands, I want to be in context.

Moderator Bullock asked could we have Tim address that. Mr. Mayes said he could recall that the operation of all four grades our model suggested that the cost per student would be around \$10,000 per student the first couple of years when there is just freshman and sophomores and then grades 9-11 actually we started in the mid teens and decreased in terms of cost per student because your operating the building a half capacity, because your still heating and lighting and having some staff about 2/3 of the operational cost of a fully operating high school. So the cost per student was in mid teens, if I recall correctly in the initial years and then decreases and flattens out around \$10,000. Ms. Tefft said so initially it is going to cost at least twice as much per student here in Bedford so I would like to encourage for a number of reasons the amount of money that would be saved if we do continue to send the students who want to go to Manchester to Manchester and I think from an educational point of view Manchester is established as far as colleges are concerned. Bedford will be starting out and it will not have a track record that colleges can look at, so I personally do not think it is a bad idea at all. I think economically an education in Manchester is not a bad idea.

Mr. Mayes commented now I know why I bring these folders to these meetings. In the first year of operation with the 9th and 10th we estimated the cost per student to be \$12,589 and in the second year with just grades 9-11 \$9,722 and in the third year fully operational \$10,229. Again this is all based on modeling, but that are the figures. The Manchester tuition has grown on an average of about 5% per and the estimate is \$7,100 plus the \$200.

Ms. Thomas said I think when looking at this article we do have a contract with Manchester that says actual cost plus \$200 for a certain set of students. Next year for four grades. The year after that the Jr and Sr and the year after that just the Sr. If we were going to send more kids to Manchester, we would have to negotiate a contract for those students. Believe me, Manchester's first number was not the actual cost-plus \$200. It was a lot more than actual cost plus \$200. They don't have to charge us actual cost so let's say we had a freshman that wanted to go the first year Bedford is opened, we would have to go back to the

table with Manchester and to take whatever number of our freshman class, it is not that \$7,300. We would have nothing to negotiate with as we have a high school, it would be probably significantly higher.

Jim Morgan (39 Riddle Dr) Let's break this down a little bit for the mathematician wizards, if you have a \$12,500 per student cost in Bedford for the first couple of years and you have a \$6,000 let's use that number 50% less cost at Manchester, which is a factious number. If you take 10% of the kids out of Bedford the cost of the bond is fixed, the cost of the administration is fixed and the cost of the heat is fixed, the cost of the electric, the water, the sewer, the toilet paper, the pens, the pencils, the erasers and the chalk are fixed therefore your cost per student does not save you \$6,000 it goes up for every student you pull out, it cost more to send that child there. So if your going to get cute with thinking that we will save money by sending kids to Manchester, then amend the article and include all the private school tuition that is paid in this Town as part of the tax rate as well, so that I can get my tax money back too. That would be a wonderful thing so that we can have school choice across the board. School choice is expensive for a community that is why communities don't do it. We are building a 250,000 sq ft \$15 million complex that is brand new, don't think for one second that every kid in 7th grade right now and 6th grade and 5th grade and 4th grade don't want to graduate from this school. Don't think your going to save a dime by allowing them to go to Manchester, because that is not going to happen. Don't think for one second that the majority of this community now is very proud of what is being built and what is being created. All we ask is that the cost is monitored and the taxes are controlled and that the School Board continues to do the job that they are doing.

Charlie Basbas (28 Brick Mill Rd) When we were discussing this a year ago and we got figures from three different groups, the pro-high school, the anti-high school, the academy group as to how many students would be involved and what the tuition would be and there were three different numbers on each side of that, I tried to find a way to look at it that would be objective and it didn't matter how many students we paid tuition. I looked at what percentage of the Town school budget is spent on high schools. What I found is that Manchester spent 42% of their school budget on the high school. The State average is 32% of the Town School budget that goes to high schools. In Bedford we have been paying and we will pay for the next year 16% of our school budget. So it stands to reason that anything under the State average, which of course Bedford did better, that cost is going to double for us. So if you're paying \$7,000 it is going to go up to \$13,000. I would like to know the honest figures and it is not going to be \$8,888. We are continually spending more money than what was originally planned.

Mr. Sullivan responded to Mr. Basbas the only thing I can tell you is that if we came in here now and we told you something different as to the tax rate, all of these numbers can be argued year after year after year, if we go back to 2005 and entertain all the literature that went out and it is not going to do anybody any good. It is up to the people. The people voted clearly to bring a high school on line in before for the amount of students that we told people that we would have. Those prognostications have not failed. I don't except them to fail unless the people in Bedford decide that they want to become spend thrift. So a) to Ms. Tefft point we can fight this like the Civil War. I personally would hope that we can get beyond this stuff. If the spending is ramped it is up to people in this room at some future time to call it in. We are not here tonight saying give us more and more of your money. We are basically ahead of the game as far as what we told you what would happen this year and we can get into semantics for the next 5 hours and go back to the good old days of the Town Meeting, but I don't think it serves any purpose. Judge us by what we do, not by what other people want to say. If you want to look at this particular article, it does nothing for the community. It is going to cost the community more money not less. A lot of these articles come forth with ideals that are not in place. How do you impose a contract. You cannot impose a contract on Manchester. Manchester gave us what they have given us based on the circumstances that they knew was in play. If you change that dynamic, they are not saying we can send 1,000 students in 2009 for cost plus \$200 that is absurd. I am hoping that you understand that this high school is under construction and it

is coming. No one said that the high school would not be more expensive for the Town of Bedford, myself included.

Kim Peicker (31 Green Meadow Lane) I just want to point out quickly to anyone who thinks that this might be a good idea that this talks about sending to Bedford high school or Manchester school district, so if you still have a child and your thinking West would be a good idea, it does not specifically say West here, they could send us anywhere in Manchester.

Moderator Bullock said Mark and then I would like to bring this to a halt.

Mark Stull (35 Blackbird Drive) Just a little bit of ancient history, some 12 years or so ago we had a proposal to build a high school for \$17-20 million had we done that our tax rate would be much lower today. Our tax rate 2 years from now will be much lower than it otherwise would be thanks to the new school.

Mr. Steve Beals said I wanted to point out one extra point as a release to the overall cost that was thrown \$12,000 and down to \$10,000 the high school planning committee did two things last year that are very significant when you look at our overall cost. One of them was they wanted to solve a K-12 problem, not just a high school problem. So the \$50 million is solving a K-12 problem and creating a 5-6 grade school year and opening up capacity to all our elementary schools. So when you look at the cost and to the point that the last gentleman spoke of, this is going to create an opportunity for us to grow without having to borrow more money for infrastructure in the future and be looking at incremental costs and that is what the high school planning committee did and I salute them for it. The other thing that the high school planning committee did was to propose a school that has a core with the auditorium, gymnasium and all of the other core facilities are built with the middle school to go up to 800 with just adding 4 classrooms and the high school to grow from 1200 to 1500 by adding 12 classrooms and the space is already there. So as we go out into the years ago we are going to just deal with the operational cost and the economy of scale will get better not worse. So last year they thought well ahead and 25 years out if Bedford winds up having 2000 students they will never have to build a high school again because another school could be build 25 years out or however many years because they could move into the 7-8 grade school very easily. I give them a great deal of credit for doing that in the long term with borrowing that money at 4.37% on a 24 year bond and we would look back 5 years from now when interest rates are up considerably and be very very glad that we are borrowing money at the less rate of inflation for many years to come.

Tom Johnson (14 Presidential Road) I just want to point out something, is anybody thinking about doing a cost analysis where your looking at the cost per student per year, you cannot do that with a new negotiated price that the School Board has and the reason you cannot do that is Manchester knows we are leaving and they are in need of seats as their own population in Manchester is increasing, Hooksett is increasing and every sending district is increasing dramatically. If we are going to stay there we were going to pay more capital, we have spent 10 million in capital over 3 years, so add about 3-4,000 per student per year because that is what we have been paying for the last 3 years. If you want to go on indefinitely which we don't and we don't want to because this already passed, then you have to add that back in.

Mark Stull (Blackbird) – Motion to end discussion. Seconded by audience. Moderator Bullock asked all in favor. Opposed none.

Moderator Bullock – Article XV

ARTICLE XV: *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the School District, under Chapter 27 – Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, do the following:*

(A) Authorize the School Board, on behalf of the School District, to raise a maximum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for the purposes defined and conditioned below:

- (1) Funding the payment of costs in Article IX of the School District 2006 Operating Budget, for payments due to the City of Manchester for costs, identified as Capital Costs or Tuition Payments, to extend the existing Contract or new Contract between the School District and the City of Manchester for the tuitioning of Bedford High School students to High Schools in Manchester.*
- (2) Funding of payments of costs identified in Warrant Articles included in subsequent years by the School Board or by Petition Warrant Article for that year. Payment of costs in these Warrant Articles will require a simple majority of votes cast at any future Annual School District Meeting. The cumulative payments in (1) above plus any future payments approved hereunder shall not exceed \$10,600,000.*

(B) In order to finance such payments, authorize the issuance of bonds or notes for the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act RSA Chapter 33, except as provided for in Senate Bill 336, and authorize the School Board to negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities, not less than 10 or more than 30 years, and other terms thereof, and to raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the first year's interest payment on the bonds or notes issued hereby. (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)

Moderator Bullock said before he entertains any discussion on this, I believe you have in handout form and I have 2 pages of reading. I was sent a letter and you have a copy of dated February 3, 2006 to myself as moderator regarding the legality of Article VI, 2006 School District Warrant from our Town Counsel, Eugene Van Loan.

February 3, 2006

*Ryk Bullock, Moderator
C/o Office of Superintendent
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RE: Legality of Article VI, 2006 School District Warrant

Dear Mr. Bullock:

The Bedford School Board has asked me to render my opinion on the legality of a petitioned article on the 2006 warrant which has been designated Article XV.

This article proposes a \$10,600,000 bond issue. The proceeds of the bond issue are to be used for 2 purposes.

- 1) To pay the costs included within Article IX (which is the operating budget) due from Bedford to the city of Manchester in the 2006-2007 school year for tuitioning Bedford's high school students to Manchester.*
- 2) To pay in subsequent years, "costs" included in the warrants for those years. (What kind of "costs" is not identified in the article, but the petitioners presumably mean high school tuition costs to Manchester.)*

Since the money to be paid to Manchester for high school tuition is already being raised and appropriated in the operating budget article, the net effect of this article if it were to pass would be to reduce taxes for this year by next year were about the same, taxes next year would be reduced in a similar manner and, again, raised in later years to pay the money back over the life of the bonds.

The general NH statute, which authorizes public bodies to issue bond, RSA Chapter 33, would not permit this type of scheme. Bonds may generally only be issued for capital expenditures. This warrant article proposes to fund tuition, which is an operating cost to the District.

The petition, however, purports to be authorized by a piece of special legislation passed by the NH Legislature in its 2004 Session, Senate Bill 336. That bill was originally proposed at the time that Bedford had just commenced a three-year high school tuition arrangement with Manchester which requires Bedford to pay, as part of its tuition costs, \$10,600,000 to reimburse Manchester for capital expenditures that Manchester was making to its high school system. Because those expenditures were Manchester's capital costs, not Bedford's, RSA 33 would not have authorized Bedford to bond them. Hence, the special legislation to allow Bedford to bond these costs and, rather, than pay them over the life of the three year contract, to pay them over the much longer life of a bond issue. The amount in the budget for high school tuition (which I am informed is about \$5,000,000) and pay that back over the life of the bond by raising taxes in subsequent years. If Bedford's tuition cost

The problem is that Bedford has not previously issued any such bonds and almost all of the obligation has now been paid to Manchester. In April of 2005, Bedford paid the first year's payment of \$1,800,000 and the second year's payment of \$4,400,000, for a total of \$6,200,000. Then in the Fall of 2005, Bedford paid the first half of the third-year's obligation or another \$2,200,000, bringing the total to \$8,400,000. I understand that the final \$2,200,000 will be billed sometime this month and be due within 30 days. Moreover, the money to pay this final installment was appropriated by the voters of the District at last year's annual meeting and has already been raised in this year's taxes. Consequently, it is possible that by the time that the voters go to the polls in March, the entire \$10,600,000 will have been paid to Manchester.

In my opinion, even the special legislation that is Senate Bill 336 would not authorize the bonding of moneys that have already been paid to Manchester. The fact that this is what the bill meant prompted supporters of the bonding effort to introduce another special bill in the Legislature in the spring of last year, when it became obvious that Bedford might pay the \$4,400,000, which it eventually did pay before any bond, could be passed. Senate bill 68 in the 2005 Session thus sought to amend Senate Bill 3336 to provide that Bedford could bond the entire \$10,600,000 which Bedford was paying to Manchester, whether the bond passed before or after the payment had been made, as long as a bond article passed, no later than 2006 school district meeting. Senate Bill 68 DID NOT PASS. In my opinion, that is evidence that the Legislature did not intend to allow Bedford to bond expenditures which it had already made and which has been already been provided for out of annual tax revenues.

As a result, the only amount that is petitioned article could authorize to be bonded would be \$2,200,000 and, even then only IF it still remained unpaid to Manchester by the time of the March balloting session. Frankly, I am skeptical that even this amount could be bonded if it were unpaid at the time in view of the fact that the voters have already authorized it to be paid and the money therefore has been raised by taxes.

Notwithstanding the above, I do not recommend that this article be stricken from the warrant or not e placed on the ballot. Petitioned articles are entitled to be placed on the ballot unless there is some direct statutory of constitutional prohibition upon the District's adoption of them. The mere fact that they could not be implemented, however, does not make them illegal.

As a final note, I cannot presently contemplate any amendment to this article, which would change its status from what I described herein.

Very truly yours,

Eugene M. Van Loan III

Gus Garceau (214 N. Amherst Rd) I would like to amend this article. Moderator Bullock said it can be amended, but what Gene's letter said, is that *I (meaning Gene) cannot presently contemplate any amendment to this article, which would change its the status from what I described herein*. Mr. Garceau said I respective fully disagree with Attorney Van Loan in that at his suggestion I hired counsel to determine whether from his perspective it was legal and I spoke to the Asst. Commission at the Dept of Revenue Administration and they also did not agree with Mr. Van Loan. Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Garceau, who are they out of curiosity. Who did you hire? Mr. Garceau said I called the Dept of Revenue and whom I hired is none of your business. I hired somebody. The question is what was the intent of the article and who is the one who sponsored the bill. Her intent when she filed this bill was that we could use the bonding capacity.

Moderator Bullock said I think I know where you're going and I will try to get you there. Rather than debate what is in the petitioned article that you already said you want to amend, let's not worry about what was originally intended in 2004 but more over, why don't you make your motion to amend the article so we can in essence proceed from there.

Mr. Garceau said I would like to amend this article and change the amendment to read: shall the school district under Chapter 27 Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire do the following, authorize the school board on behalf of the school district to raise the maximum of \$10.6 million dollars for the purpose and conditions below.

A) Payments of annual cost to the City of Manchester. What was the date you signed the last contract with Manchester for tuition, what is that date? Mr. Sullivan said we signed it January X. Mr. Garceau said payments of annual cost to the City of Manchester in the January 2006 contract with the City of Manchester for the education of Bedford high schoolers as follows and it gives the school year and the tuition 2006-2007 \$6 million, 2007-2008 \$3.1 million, 2008-2009 \$1.5 million plus any interest accrued on the bonds or notes issued in b) below.

B) I changed the word 10 years to 20 years and the rest is the same.

Moderator Bullock asked Gus you are making a motion to amend Article XV to read as follows and do we have a second. Seconded by Mr. Sacks. Moderator Bullock said we are voting on whether to do it in the following way.

Moderator Bullock asked Mr. Stewart you implied in your petition that you would like to have this done by secret ballot is that true? Mr. Stewart answered yes, but I will withdraw my petition. Moderator Bullock asked Ms. Worden do you agree with the withdrawal. Moderator Bullock asked Joleen do you agree with the withdrawal, as Mr. Stewart is withdrawing the petition for the secret ballot. Ms. Worden agreed. Moderator Bullock said then that petition has been withdrawn.

ARTICLE XV: (Special Warrant Article) *Shall the School District, under Chapter 27 – Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, do the following:*

(A) Authorize the School Board, on behalf of the School District, to raise a maximum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for the purposes defined and conditioned below:

*(1) Payment to the annual costs due to the City of Manchester under the contract with the City of Manchester for the education of Bedford High School students as follows:
School year 2006-2007, six million dollars. School year 2007-2008, three million one hundred thousand dollars. 2008-2009, one million five hundred thousand dollars plus accrued interest on bonds or notes in B) herein.*

B) In order to finance such payments, authorize the issuance of bonds or notes for the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act RSA Chapter 33, except as provided for in Senate Bill 336, and authorize the School Board to negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities, not less than 20 or more than 30 years, and other terms thereof, and to raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the first year's interest payment on the bonds or notes issued hereby.

Gus Garceau said first of all the amendment stated the contract as of January 2006 contract.

Moderator Bullock under (1) we are inserting January 2006 contract.

Gus Garceau said this is a very simple amendment. It will reduce the taxes that the Town would be levied during the first 3 years of the high school integration. For instance this year we have an impact of 96 cents per thousand that number would be \$1.85 less by spending 6 million dollars. Clearly we are paying money over the long term to save money today, next year and the year after that and to hopefully lessen the burden that we discussed about what is the cost per student. We should be talking about what is the total cost and we can reduce that total cost and spread it out over 25 years then we have done the Town a credit and we have not recognized the development of the high school without any undue impact on the Town as was suggested by others here this evening. This is no secret, this was passed in 2004 and we have never officially voted on it and I believe, as it was mentioned earlier someone was questioning how we put in 3.3 million and we should see that somewhere, why does the budget still increase. Maybe this is the way to do it, maybe we drop it these three years and the increases that we will see in the future would be less than they would be now because generally people sell the budget when they talk about the percentage increase on the budget from the year before. Well if the year before budget is less, then maybe we won't have as big an impact on the following years. It is purely a means to take advantage of a specific bill that I completely disagree with Mr. Van Loan and I spoke with the Senator who actually filed

this bill and what her intent was when it was drafted. It is an opportunity for the Town on a very specific exclusion and we are the only one that gets to do it and it is over after this March vote, so it is an attempt to take 10.6 million dollars that we sent over to Manchester and recognize that we paid it and we now can make use of it by reducing the annual cost of the first three years of the high school that we are building and the privilege that we had to pay 10.6 million dollars to Manchester for the privilege of doing the high school. If you want your taxes to be affected consider this, it is a positive, it is clear you pay over the life of the bond.

Moderator Bullock said I would like to have Kathy offer her comments.

Kathy Peahl (Atty) I just want to state that I believe the opinion that Gene rendered that Ryk read to you stands as it applies to this amendment as well. The Senate Bill 336 does not authorize the bonding of operating cost. If I understand the tuition payments for 2006 through 2008-09 school year, those are tuition cost not capital cost. The capital cost have already been paid and as Gene pointed out Senate Bill 336 does not allow you to bond capital expenses that have already been paid, it also does nothing to authorize the bonding of operating cost. I think that Gene's opinion stands in that you cannot do what this amendment proposes which is to bond operating cost.

Gus Garceau said if I may disagree SB 336 is a very short bill and it does two things; the 10.6 was the number established that was equal to the 10.6 million dollars that we paid Manchester and it was defined as tuition. If you look at the contract it says the tuition shall be X amount of dollars per student, plus 10.6 million dollars. It doesn't say it is capital. The point is that the bill establishes the amount of 10.6 million dollars as the amount that can be bonded and then it says notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 33, the Bedford School District may issue bonds or notes in the amount up to 10.6 million dollars upon the approval of such bonds and notes by Bedford School District on or before the day of the 2006 Bedford Annual School District Meeting it doesn't say whether it is a bond or it is a tuition.

Moderator Bullock said I am going to interrupt you for a minute because I have an amendment on the table and you're getting into history here. What I am trying to do and we can discuss SB 336 until the cows come home tonight. Mr. Garceau said you have a representative up there that says you cannot do it. I am trying to explain to you that you can do it.

Moderator Bullock said if anyone has anything to offer as far as a discussion on the amendment I will entertain it, other than that I would like to call for a vote on the amendment. All those in favor of amending Article XV to read as read and I will also stipulate the fact that after the word contract January 1, 2006 signify by saying aye. Oppose, then I believe the no's have it and the amendment fails.

That basically completes our 2006 deliberative session. Thank you very much for coming and we look forward to seeing you on March 14th here at McKelvie. MOTION to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by Jane O'Brien

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING ELECTION/BALLOT VOTE

Session II – March 14, 2006

Bedford School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the polls in the gymnasium at the McKelvie Middle School at 7:00 a.m. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Bullock closed the polls.

At 9:30 p.m., after all ballots were tallied and accounted for, Moderator Bullock announced the following results:

ARTICLE I. (Election of Officers)

School Board (3-year term – two positions)

- “Cindy” Chagnon - 3161 votes
- Teresa “Terry” Wolf - 2849 votes

Cindy Chagnon and Teresa Wolf were declared elected.

School Board (2-year term – one position)

- Paul F. Lamarche - 1454 votes
- Susan “Sue” Thomas - 2722 votes

Susan Thomas was declared elected.

ARTICLE II. *[Funding the construction of a water main to the middle school/high school complex.] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) (Gross Budget) for the purpose of constructing a water main extension from Sunset Lane to County Road (adjacent to Peter Woodbury School) to provide a water supply sufficient for fire suppression in the middle school/high school complex; and, in order to finance said project, shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall the district authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; and, furthermore, shall the district raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$86,667) for the first year's principal and interest payments? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 3181 votes; No – 1153 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article II passed.

ARTICLE III. *[Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Eleven Thousand Fifty One Dollars (\$511,051) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2006/2007 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the*

2005/2006 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 3463 votes; No – 1177 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article III passed.

ARTICLE IV. *[Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article III is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 3226 votes; No – 1286 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article IV passed.

ARTICLE V. *[Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Twenty Five Dollars (\$35,025) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2006/2007 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2005/2006 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 3580 votes; No – 1001 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article V passed.

ARTICLE VI. *[Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article V is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article V cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 3311 votes; No – 1201 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VI passed.

ARTICLE VII. *[Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Three Dollars (\$96,403) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2006/2007 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2005/2006 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 3480 votes; No – 1086 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VII passed.

ARTICLE VIII. *[Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VII cost items only? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 3310 votes; No – 1233 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VIII passed.

ARTICLE IX. *[Operating budget.] If Article II passes so that the construction of the water main to the new middle school/high school complex is spread over several years by bonding, shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Forty Five Million One Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$45,167,571). However, if Article II does not pass, shall the district's aforesaid operating budget for the 2006/2007 fiscal year be increased by the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) which is the amount required to fund the construction of the water main extension for the new middle school/high school complex all in one year, and shall the district thereby raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, plus the additional \$800,000, totaling Forty Five Million Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$45,967,571)? [Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Forty Three Million Eight Hundred Forty One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$43,841,377) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 3104 votes; No – 1439 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article IX passed.

ARTICLE X. *[Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 3852 votes; No – 707 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article X passed.

ARTICLE XI: *Shall we change the date for elections and the second session of the Annual School District Meeting from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in April, which would change the date for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting to a date between the first and second Saturdays after the last Monday in February, inclusive? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 1645 votes; No – 2885 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XI did not pass.

ARTICLE XII: *Shall the Bedford School District require by the start of the school year 2007, that all children beginning with grade 1 and ending with grade 8; elementary, middle and junior high wear a defined, set school uniform, that will be similar but different from each school level, with attention to style, durability and feasibility, where footwear, socks and hosiery will not be defined by said article but by school dress code, that school policy will dictate appropriate hair styles that are conducive to the image set forth by a school uniform, further that the children will themselves vote in school on the initial uniform style options set forth by a volunteer uniform committee; and that every 6 years from 2007, the design of the uniforms shall be addressed by a uniform committee, comprising of a male and female "child" representative, from each school in the district? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 1598 votes; No – 2989 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XII did not pass.

ARTICLE XIII: *Shall the District authorize and direct the Bedford School Board to direct the combined Upper Middle School and High School Contractor to take the necessary steps to terminate construction on the High School portion of the project, to continue with the Upper Middle School only, and to subsequently revise the design to reduce the scope and cost to allow only the Upper Middle School to be constructed at this time, to refund the unused portion of the bond passed in the March 2005 election, to take the necessary steps to continue educating Bedford's high school students in Manchester, and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 867 votes; No – 3706 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XIII did not pass.

ARTICLE XIV: *Shall the District allow the parent(s) of Bedford students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 to select and designate, on an annual basis, either the Bedford High School or the Manchester School District to educate their children for that school year, provided the Manchester Board of School Committee (Manchester School District) agrees to accept these students, and the District hereby directs the Bedford School Board to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 1028 votes; No – 3546 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XIV did not pass.

ARTICLE XV: *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the School District, under Chapter 27 – Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, do the following:*

- (A) *Authorize the School Board, on behalf of the School District, to raise a maximum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for the purposes defined and conditioned below:*
 - (1) *Funding the payment of costs in Article IX of the School District 2006 Operating Budget, for payments due to the City of Manchester for costs, identified as Capital Costs or Tuition Payments, to extend the existing Contract or new Contract between the School District and the*

City of Manchester for the tuitioning of Bedford High School students to High Schools in Manchester.

(2) Funding of payments of costs identified in Warrant Articles included in subsequent years by the School Board or by Petition Warrant Article for that year. Payment of costs in these Warrant Articles will require a simple majority of votes cast at any future Annual School District Meeting. The cumulative payments in (1) above plus any future payments approved hereunder shall not exceed \$10,600,000.

(B) In order to finance such payments, authorize the issuance of bonds or notes for the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act RSA Chapter 33, except as provided for in Senate Bill 336, and authorize the School Board to negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities, not less than 10 or more than 30 years, and other terms thereof, and to raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the first year's interest payment on the bonds or notes issued hereby. (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)

• Yes – 710 votes; No – 3837 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XV did not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. VanAnglen
School District Clerk

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION BALLOT**

AND

**2007/2008 PROPOSED BUDGET
INFORMATION**

NOTES:

**Bedford, New Hampshire
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**

**Tuesday, March 13, 2007
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

McKelvie Middle School

Ballot Questions

ARTICLE I. To elect all necessary school district officials:

- For School Board (3-year term) – Vote for not more than one (1)
 - David Sacks
 - _____ (Write-in)
- For School District Moderator (3-year term) – Vote for not more than one (1)
 - Ryk Bullock
 - _____ (Write-in)
- For School District Clerk (3-year term) – Vote for not more than one (1)
 - “Lori” Radke
 - _____ (Write-in)
- For School District Treasurer (3-year term) – Vote for not more than one (1)
 - Peter Herdklotz
 - _____ (Write-in)

ARTICLE II. [Funding bondable Start-up Costs] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$2,715,422) (Gross Budget) for the purpose of purchasing bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection necessary to furnish and equip the new high school/middle school; and, in order to finance said project, shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$2,715,422) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall the district authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; and, furthermore, shall the district raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$69,525) for the first year’s principal and interest payments? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE III. [Study and design of high school/middle school secondary access.] (Special Warrant Article) (Non-Lapsing for three years) Shall the school district raise and appropriate Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Six Dollars (\$97,706) to study, design and/or engineer improved/additional traffic approaches to the high school/middle school? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE IV. [Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$556,618) to fund those additional cost items related to the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2007/2008 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2006/2007 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE V. [Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article IV is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article IV cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VI. [Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$36,313) to fund those additional cost items related to the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2007/2008 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2006/2007 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VII. [Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VI is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VI cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VIII. [Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$115,800) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2007/2008 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2006/2007 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE IX. [Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VIII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VIII cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE X. [Operating budget.] If Article II passes so that the cost of purchasing bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection for the new high school/middle school is spread over several years by bonding, shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set

forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Fifty Two Million Seven Hundred Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$52,771,263)?

However, if Article II does not pass, shall the district's aforesaid operating budget for the 2007/2008 fiscal year be increased by the amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$2,715,422), which is the amount required to purchase bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection all in one year, and shall the district therefore raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, plus the additional \$2,715,422, for a total of Fifty Five Million Four Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$55,486,685)?

[Should this Article X be defeated, and Article II passes so that the cost of purchasing bondable capital furniture, first year equipment, athletic field grandstands and the initial library collection is spread over several years by bonding, the operating budget shall be Fifty Million Three Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$50,310,393) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

However, should this Article X be defeated and should Article II also be defeated, the operating budget shall be Fifty One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$51,764,247) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.]

(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

ARTICLE XI. [Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	2005-06 BUDGET	2005-06 EXPENDED	2006-07 BUDGET	2007-08 PROPOSED
PETER WOODBURY SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$2,475,754	\$2,418,084	\$2,543,831	\$2,365,006
Supplies & Texts	137,335	115,217	136,210	125,877
Furniture & Equipment	30,414	31,511	31,320	24,559
Utilities	81,844	74,756	98,398	89,274
Other	22,888	22,082	28,714	25,680
TOTAL	\$2,748,235	\$2,661,650	\$2,838,473	\$2,630,396
MEMORIAL SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$2,093,773	\$2,048,840	\$2,195,418	\$2,287,252
Supplies & Texts	111,312	103,000	117,578	110,828
Furniture & Equipment	33,040	34,768	37,724	40,590
Utilities	74,265	71,268	111,889	115,709
Other	22,436	19,092	25,422	24,432
TOTAL	\$2,334,826	\$2,276,968	\$2,488,031	\$2,578,811
RIDDLE BROOK SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$2,390,366	\$2,331,284	\$2,530,001	\$2,425,383
Supplies & Texts	158,570	128,457	151,671	140,012
Furniture & Equipment	35,345	39,424	44,063	39,793
Utilities	163,104	134,122	212,813	214,253
Other	24,864	21,920	30,251	44,999
TOTAL	\$2,772,249	\$2,655,207	\$2,968,799	\$2,864,440
McKELVIE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,575,841
Supplies & Texts	0	0	0	127,475
Furniture & Equipment	0	0	0	38,024
Utilities	140,384	123,316	199,217	206,977
Other				19,156
TOTAL	\$140,384	\$123,316	\$199,217	\$2,967,473
ROSS A. LURGIO MIDDLE SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$3,889,161	\$3,809,423	\$4,003,179	\$3,238,326
Supplies & Texts	108,873	106,990	124,400	374,149
Furniture & Equipment	46,290	50,223	64,232	31,693
Utilities	0	0	0	0
Other	53,044	44,389	47,991	43,731
TOTAL	\$4,097,368	\$4,011,025	\$4,239,802	\$3,687,899
BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION				
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$380,425	\$3,358,424
Supplies & Texts	0	0	5,000	132,988
Furniture & Equipment	0	0	7,600	17,662
Census & Attendance	2,000	6,342	2,000	0
Utilities	0	0	0	721,640
Other	0	0	18,500	47,196
TOTAL	\$2,000	\$6,342	\$413,525	\$4,277,910

	2005-06 BUDGET	2005-06 EXPENDED	2006-07 BUDGET	2007-08 PROPOSED
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Salaries	\$3,596,354	\$3,354,758	\$3,818,091	\$4,480,926
Supplies, Texts & Equipment	48,188	35,921	58,091	58,919
Psyc & Other Support Services	890,894	801,413	997,799	1,205,238
Tuition	1,461,334	1,563,001	1,759,100	1,575,794
Federal Funds	515,168	518,168	532,149	564,323
Transportation	514,249	492,886	510,125	540,030
Other	16,000	11,498	15,875	15,875
TOTAL	\$7,042,187	\$6,777,645	\$7,691,230	\$8,441,105
DISTRICT WIDE				
Salaries	\$934,524	\$882,573	\$965,198	\$1,390,231
Tuition - Manchester	9,980,500	10,253,397	7,044,500	3,315,200
Supplies, Text & Equipment	132,820	133,105	152,547	878,074
Insurance	73,935	63,058	68,400	111,600
Benefits	6,831,805	6,619,063	7,870,995	10,456,966
Regular Transportation	1,084,428	1,085,822	1,163,979	1,527,386
Federal Funds	123,387	102,962	61,398	138,322
Debt Service	2,174,869	2,133,900	4,462,521	4,491,416
Arch./Eng./Const. Services	200,000	102,294	220,000	120,000
Other	161,575	178,787	170,275	226,202
TOTAL	\$21,697,843	\$21,554,961	\$22,179,813	\$22,655,397
SCHOOL BD & DISTRICT OFFICERS				
Salaries	\$3,900	\$5,342	\$3,900	\$6,400
Services & Supplies	121,500	194,767	136,000	142,800
Hiring, Printing & Dues	34,611	31,404	37,731	43,811
TOTAL	\$160,011	\$231,513	\$177,631	\$193,011
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT				
Salaries	\$516,104	\$557,984	\$613,201	\$621,491
Services	9,254	9,728	10,064	10,245
Supplies & Equipment	13,000	14,890	14,000	15,000
Utilities	16,300	15,723	14,500	17,333
Travel, Meetings & Dues	13,400	18,506	15,995	17,800
TOTAL	\$568,058	\$616,831	\$667,760	\$681,869
MAINTENANCE				
Salaries	\$170,392	\$186,277	\$181,146	\$268,300
Supplies, Equipment & Repairs	443,670	469,410	862,950	935,060
Contracted Services	40,500	37,234	105,600	186,196
Utilities	84,937	74,070	103,938	188,980
TOTAL	\$739,499	\$766,991	\$1,253,634	\$1,578,536
FOOD SERVICE				
Salaries	\$253,699	\$254,748	\$259,855	\$333,974
Supplies & Equipment	399,001	431,259	416,901	529,927
Benefits	65,322	90,978	102,046	128,771
TOTAL	\$718,022	\$776,985	\$778,802	\$992,672
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$43,020,682	\$42,459,434	\$45,896,717	\$53,549,519

Note: Assumes that all school board proposed warrant articles are approved.

REVENUES AND CREDITS 2007-2008

DESCRIPTION	Actual 2005-06	Approved 2006-07	Proposed 2007-08	Difference
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	\$1,760,716	\$696,734	\$300,000	(\$396,734)
REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES				
School Building Aid	192,270	1,447,645	1,152,758	(294,887)
Handicapped Aid - Catastrophic	530,855	400,414	400,000	(414)
Child Nutrition Program	11,439	11,400	12,250	850
Driver Education	12,550	6,000	6,000	0
REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES				
Grants	106,615	61,398	138,322	76,924
Child Nutrition Program	79,048	79,000	85,000	6,000
Disabilities (IDEA) and Preschool Incentive	509,990	532,149	564,323	32,174
Medicaid	169,989	100,000	150,000	50,000
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES				
Sale of Bonds or Notes ⁽¹⁾	49,682,000	800,000	2,715,422	1,915,422
Transfer from Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Expendable Trust Fund	0	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES				
Tuition - Regular Day School ⁽²⁾	489	40,000	50,000	10,000
Tuition - Community Education	0	0	20,550	20,550
Tuition - Driver Education	0	0	40,000	40,000
Transp. Fees - Regular Day School ⁽³⁾	56,800	55,000	0	(55,000)
Earnings on Investments	1,729,460	480,000	25,000	(455,000)
Food Service Sales	642,180	695,000	895,425	200,425
Rental of Facilities	31,462	10,000	20,000	10,000
Donations	5,500	0	0	0
Other (Impact Fees)	27,485	220,000	850,000	630,000
TOTAL FUND BAL. & REV.	\$55,548,847	\$5,634,740	\$7,425,050	\$1,790,310
Equitable Education Grant	\$2,866,863	\$2,866,863	\$2,436,834	(\$430,029)
TOTAL FUND BAL., REV., & GRANT	\$58,415,710	\$8,501,603	\$9,861,884	\$1,360,281
State School Assessment	\$8,018,791	\$7,594,355	\$7,479,772	(\$114,583)
Local School Assessment	\$26,842,585	\$30,600,759	\$38,923,285	\$8,322,526
TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS	\$34,861,376	\$38,195,114	\$46,403,057	\$8,207,943
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$43,595,086	\$45,896,717	\$53,549,519	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$93,277,086	\$46,696,717	\$56,262,441	

Note 1: The 2005/06 appropriation includes a \$49,682,000 bond issue for the middle school/high school.

The 2006/07 appropriation includes an \$800,000 bond issue for a water main extension.

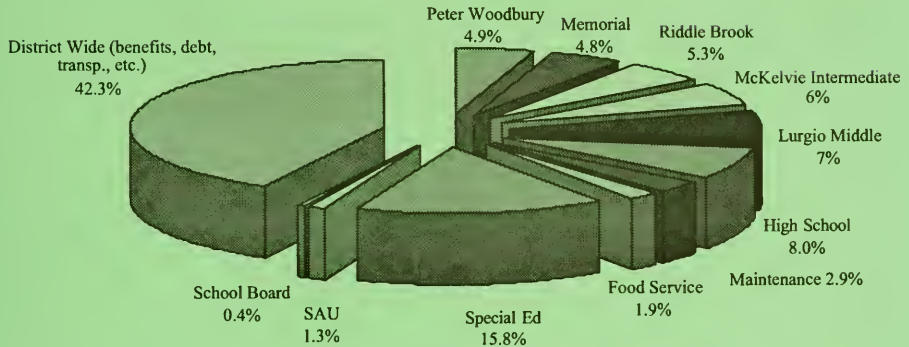
The proposed 2007/08 appropriation includes a \$2,715,422 bond issue for the middle/high schools start-up costs.

Note 2: The FY 2008 appropriation is generated by special ed programs, and assumes no tuition students attend Bedford High School.

Note 3: The transportation fee has been eliminatead since students are now transported within Bedford.

2007-2008 PROPOSED BUDGET ANALYSIS

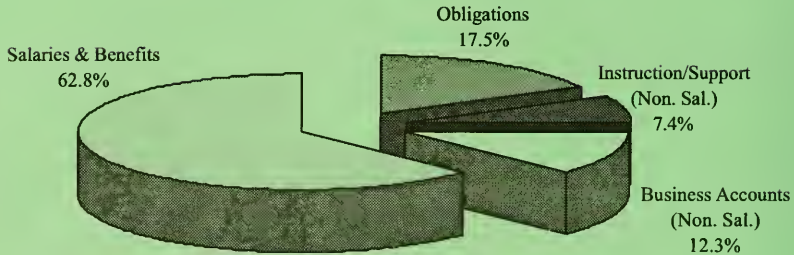
The following is an analysis of the proposed school district budget:



The above analysis of the budget allocates costs to the schools, departments, and programs for which they are incurred. The chart provides a quick visual comparison of the total budget.

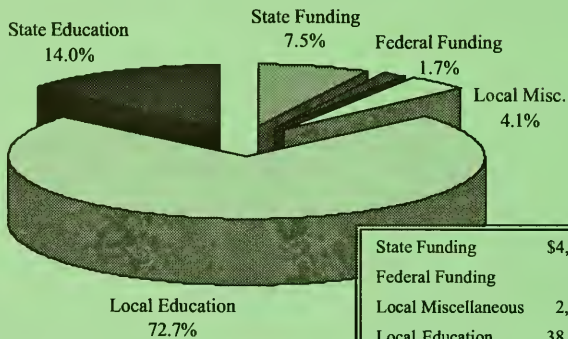
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2007-2008 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE ANALYSIS



Salaries & Benefits	\$33,637,100	62.8%
Obligations	9,382,410	17.5%
Tuition-MHSW	\$3,315,200	
Tuition-Other	1,575,794	
Debt Services	4,491,416	
Instruction/Support (Non. Sal.)	3,963,662	7.4%
Business Accounts (Non. Sal.)	<u>6,566,347</u>	<u>12.3%</u>
TOTAL	\$53,549,519	100.0%

2007-2008 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUE ANALYSIS



State Funding	\$4,007,842	7.5%
Federal Funding	937,645	1.7%
Local Miscellaneous	2,200,975	4.1%
Local Education	38,923,285	72.7%
State Education	<u>7,479,772</u>	<u>14.0%</u>
	\$53,549,519	100.0%

Note: Assumes that all school board proposed warrant articles are approved.

RESIDENT SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

9/06

SCHOOL	K	Gr.1	Gr.2	Gr.3	Gr.4	Gr.5	Gr. 6	Gr.7	Gr.8	Gr.9	Gr.10	Gr.11	Gr.12	Total 9/06	9/05
Memorial	65	96	91	101	101	84								538	479
Peter Woodbury	61	132	117	111	144	121								686	701
Riddle Brook	85	122	141	126	131	133								738	729
McKelvie							320	361	334					1015	1015
West High										265	220	233	212	930	908
Central High										0	0	2	0	2	2
Memorial High										0	0	0	1	1	2
Bishop Brady										13	17	20	12	62	57
Bishop Guertin										32	14	19	18	83	63
Derryfield							11	11	10	24	14	13	11	94	109
Grace Christian	3	2	4	3	1	2	2							17	13
Holy Family		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	1	0	8	7
Mount Zion	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	3	5	3	4	23	20
Mt. Saint Mary	2	1	1	2	1	1	0							8	7
Nashua Christian	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	2	12	12
St. Benedict	0	2	2	2	1	1	1							9	18
St. Casimir	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1					6	9
St. Catherine	0	3	1	1	0	0	1							6	8
St. Paul's										0	1	0	2	3	4
Trinity										23	32	22	12	89	99
Villa Augustina	7	5	11	2	3	3	1	1	1					34	33
*Other	94	8	10	9	10	8	10	18	13	11	15	10	16	232	250
TOTAL	319	372	380	360	395	355	348	394	363	375	321	324	290	4596	4545

* Includes Bedford School District special education out-of-district enrollments.

COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

	2004-2005	2005-2006
EXPENDITURES	\$7,591,018	\$8,177,464
REVENUES		
State Sources		
- Catastrophic Aid	603,062	530,855
- Adequacy Allocation*	0	0
Federal Sources		
- Individuals with Disabilities Act	515,133	509,990
- Medicaid Funds	173,610	169,989
Other Sources		
- Tuition	0	0
TOTAL Revenues	\$1,291,805	\$1,210,834
NET SPECIAL EDUCATION COST	\$6,299,213	\$6,966,630

**Bedford no longer qualifies for a state adequacy allocation for special education costs.*

BOND MATURITY SCHEDULE

Project	Balance as of 6/30/06	Principal Payments 2006/2007	Retirement
Riddle Brook School (RBS)	\$5,134,400	\$395,000	FY2019
RBS Addition/SAU Addition	\$2,240,000	\$320,000	FY2014
Middle School/High School	\$46,452,664	\$3,168,045	FY2030
Water Main Extension	\$800,000	\$0	FY2027

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Trust	Balance as of 6/30/06	Expected Contribution 2006/2007
Maintenance	\$43,354	\$0
Tuition	\$132,500	\$0
Land	\$524,952	\$0
New School Fund**	\$177,033	\$0

***Information provided by the Town of Bedford Trustees of the Trust Fund. On 7/10/06, the Bedford School Board approved the withdrawal of \$170,000 from the New School Fund for the purpose of constructing athletic fields, including site work, lights, and a utility building as part of the middle school/high school project. Prior to the withdrawal, the board held a Public Hearing as required under RSA 198:20-c, II.*

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of the School Board
Bedford School District
Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bedford School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Bedford School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bedford School District as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated August 25, 2006, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Bedford School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Bedford School District. The combining and individual fund schedules and schedule of expenditures of federal awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

August 25, 2006

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NOTE: The complete audit is available for viewing in the SAU #25 office building.

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